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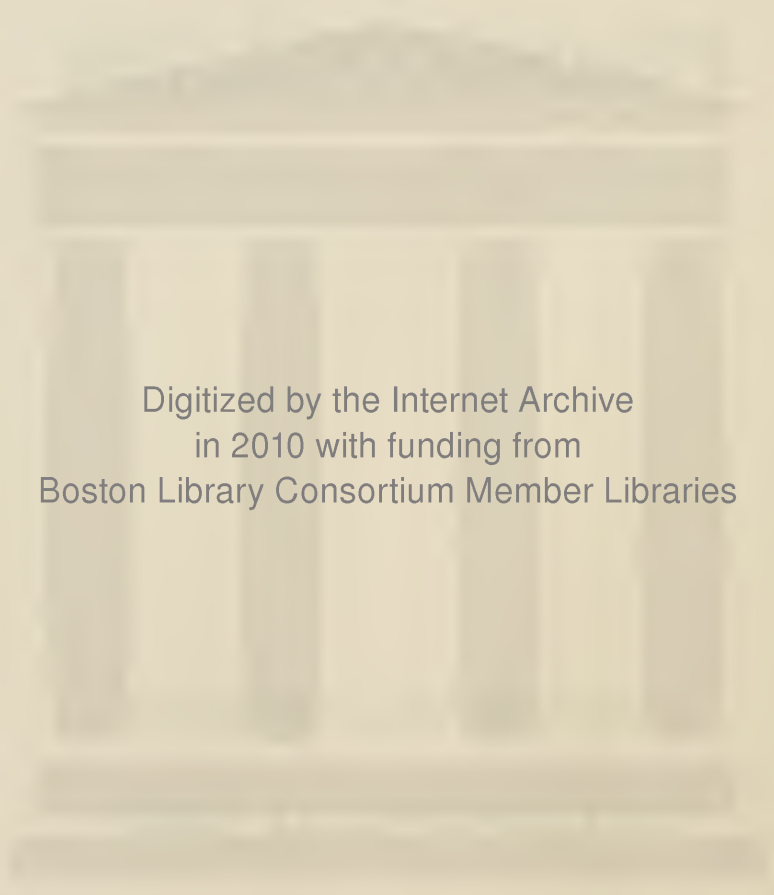


FRANCONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2005



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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ramesh P. Dave	(Term expires 2006)
Ronald J. Taksar	(Term expires 2007)
Carl I. Belz	(Term expires 2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Patricia M. Clark (2007)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2006)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2006)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Knowlton (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Christopher Polich (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Carol Cunha-White Mountain Business Services, Inc. (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Roger Odell (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Marcia Graham	(2006)
Richard McLachlin	(2007)
William Downey	(2008)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Tom Allen	(2006)	Sharon Penney	(2006)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)	Barbara Belz	(2007)
James Cunningham	(2007)	Lucille Finn	(2008)
Harriet Taylor	(2008)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mark Simpson	Sugar Hill (2006)	Tina Peabody	Lafayette (2006)
Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2007)	Mary Pat Simmons	Bethlehem (2006)
Tom Eyman	Franconia (2008)	Bill Brown	Bethlehem (2007)
Ardell Patterson	Easton (2008)	Jim Colongeli	Lafayette (2007)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2008)	Leonard Malenowski	Bethlehem (2007)
		Annette Marquis	Bethlehem (2008)
		Bob Patterson	Bethlehem (2008)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Michael J. Ford	(2006)
J. Bradley Smith	(2007)
John Lefavour	(2008)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Angelo Costa	(2008)
Kathleen Mead	(2010)
Karen Moore	(2012)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Tom Eyman, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

Ron Taksar-Selectmen's Rep	(2006)	Carol Wills	(2006)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)	Steve Plant	(2006)
Barbara Belz	(Alternate -2008)	Mary Grote	(Alternate - 2007)
Earle Collins	(2008)	Steve Heath	(2008)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Timothy Brown	(2006)	Mary Fowler	(2007)
D. Edward Carbonaro	(2006)	George Roorbach	(2008)
Melinda Richmond	(Alternate - 2009)	Bernardette Costa – Plng Bd	(2008)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Elizabeth Welch	(2006)	Kathryn McCarthy	(2007)
Mary S. Grote-Planning Board	(2006)	J. Bradley Smith	(2007)
John LeFavour	(2006)	John Lachapelle	(2007)
Richard Bennink	(2008)	Kim Cowles	(2008)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton	Franconia	Sugar Hill
Mike Kenney	Kim Cowles (2006)	Gordie Johnk
Brian Canelas	William McCarthy (Resigned 2007)	Jean Serino
	Tracy Chardon (Appointed 2007)	
	Jeffrey J. Malcolm (2008)	

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 2005

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$ 269,907.75
Investments – NH-PDIP		914,571.08
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$207,877.25	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>17,151.16</u>	
		225,028.41
Other Accounts Receivable		
Police Coverage	240.00	
Town of Easton	3,092.50	
Triathlon Fund	3,000.00	
L&WCF Grant	<u>30,379.72</u>	36,712.22
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Revenue Fund	7,157.50	
McLachlin Fund	<u>6,861.23</u>	<u>14,018.73</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,423,525.97

LIABILITIES

Due to Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Revenue Fund		49,624.00
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	546,635.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	<u>462,439.00</u>	<u>1,009,074.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,058,698.00

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>364,827.97</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$1,058,698.00

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

As we talk about the weather while complaining that no one does anything about it, so we talk about leveling the playing field while continuing to encounter what are in fact uphill battles. Not so in the Town of Franconia, where last spring the Dow Strip was not only fully leveled but became enhanced by new playground equipment and swings, the latter a gift from Tina and Davis Mangold in memory of their daughter Ella Josette. Grants, gifts-in-kind, and additional private contributions enabled these improvements, but their realization became possible only because of the many citizens who volunteered time and muscle on a June day to assemble the new equipment -among them, Kim and Tim Cowles, Kris Germain, Bob Anthony, Bruce Cole, Don Eastman, Kirk and Adam Luce, Peter Gaudette, Scott Knowlton, Gordie Johnk, Richard McLachlin, and Jeff Phillips. An impressive turnout it was, but what was witnessed that June day was not so rare an event, not for the participants in any case. For them it was business as usual, just another instance of the community spirit that identifies our Town and the way life is lived in the North Country.

Select Board members learn early on to heed Robert Burns's words concerning the best laid schemes o' mice an' men, not because they (the SB members) turn out as often as not to be mice and not men, a plausible though not altogether flattering assessment, but because their schemes as often as not gang aft a-gley. So it was with the renovation of our Safety Services building. When the project failed to pass muster in 2004, we went back to the drawing board in an effort to bring before our citizenry a leaner, more palatable proposal. When that one got the same response as its predecessor, we decided we needed a more comprehensive approach to our capital needs, an approach that, instead of being piecemeal, would embrace all of the Town's major departments and buildings, consider how they might interact most effectively with one another, and envision their look 20 years down the road. Hence, the creation of, and the formidable challenge to, the Infrastructure Committee with acting chair, George Roorbach and acting secretary, Bob Gilbert. We anticipate hearing from them this fall; for now, you can say the SB's scheme has been to take a step back in the hope of taking more than a couple of steps forward.

What's ahead for the coming year? For one, a review of signs and sign permits to see if we can encourage a little discretion in their mushroom-like growth. For two, getting numbers on houses and at the ends of driveways to enable police, fire, and life squad personnel in responding to emergency calls. And for three, life on the SB without Ramesh Dave, MD, who'll be stepping aside as of this year's elections and Town Meeting. Ramesh's years of experience in Franconia have provided invaluable perspective for his parvenu colleagues, his civility has imparted dignity to our meetings, while his sense of humor, often self-effacing, has leavened even our most ponderous deliberations—all this, not to mention his googly, which, *mirabile dictum* remains nonpareil on even the stickiest wicket.

Town of Franconia, Board of Selectmen
Ronald J. Taksar, Chairman
Ramesh P. Dave, Selectmen
Carl I. Belz, Selectmen

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May 26, 2005

TRANSMITTAL AND COMMENTARY LETTER

Board of Selectmen
Town of Franconia
Franconia, New Hampshire 03580

Members of the Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of the following conditions that should be corrected in order to strengthen internal controls and operating efficiency. This letter does not affect our report dated May 26, 2005 on the financial statements of the Town of Franconia, New Hampshire.

The following remarks are being made in the hope that they will improve existing procedures and are in no way a criticism of Town personnel.

1. Cash Management

During 2004 the Town had substantially more funds on deposit with the local bank than would be covered by FDIC insurance. The total coverage provided to the Town is up to \$100,000 per bank for the Town and \$100,000 for the Trust Funds. This issue has been brought up in prior audits but no changes have been made in the Town's cash management.

Recommendation

The Town can significantly increase its coverage by moving some of its funds to other banks as the FDIC limit is applied separately to each bank.

Response to Recommendation

Currently money is being transferred on a regular basis from the Trust Funds to the NH Public Department Investment Pool.

2. Personnel Policy

Under the current personnel policy sick days are accrued at a rate of ten days per year with no cap. Upon termination or retirement an employee with at least two years of employment with the Town is eligible to receive payment for one third of his/her accrued sick time.

Recommendation

Such a policy, while generous, could expose the Town to a potentially large liability should a long-term employee leave employment. Most employers allow personnel to accrue unused sick time up to some predetermined limit. Any unused time over that limit is lost.

Response to Recommendation

A goal for the Selectmen in 2006 is to update and revise the current personnel policies. The reduction of accrued sick time will be revisited during this revision.

3. Transfer Station

Currently, revenue collected by the Transfer Station staff is held in a lock box at the Transfer Station and deposited approximately every two weeks.

Recommendation

As with any Town department, money should be deposited at least once a week or whenever the balance exceeds \$500.00.

Response to Recommendation

The Transfer Station is currently making weekly deposits.

4. Tax Collector

Due to the volume of payments in the period when property taxes are due not all receipts are processed on a timely basis. This increases the risk of theft and costs the town any interest that might have been earned on those funds during that period.

Recommendation

Having the Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk work a few hours a week and more in July and December would both help to alleviate the above problem as well as ensure that the deputy stays up to date with current procedures.

Response to Recommendation

The recommendation for increased hours between Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector is being implemented.

5. Library Fund

Currently, the bookkeeper has signature authority for the primary checking account and reconciles the account at the end of the month. Payments of recurring expenses (i.e. payroll, utilities, etc.) are made without prior approval by the Trustees, and when invoices are reviewed no indication of this step is made on the document.

Recommendation

No one person should perform all functions in any accounting system. Someone from the Board of Trustees (generally the Treasurer) should be given the responsibility of signing checks and reconciling the bank statement.

Before payment is made all disbursements should be reviewed by the Trustees and invoices should be initialed indicating their review.

The Library has three separate checking accounts, two of which are under the control of the Librarian (she makes deposits, writes and signs checks and reconciles the account). The Trustees should eliminate these accounts if possible or at least reduce the amount of activity that flows through them. Depositing all income and paying all expenses from the main account ensures that the Trustees have a complete picture of all of the financial activity of the Library Fund.

Response to Recommendation

The Library Trustees currently are having the book keeper; director and treasurer oversee the checking accounts. A plan is in place to start implementing the required two signatures on checks and bank statements. The Trustees have also instituted an Investment Policy for all trust funds of the Library.

6. Water Departments

Although the accounting system of the Water Department has shown some improvement since the prior audit significant problems continue to exist.

The primary billing is now being handled by the Tax Collector thus adding greater control and accuracy but for 2004 none of the water warrants or abatements were signed by the Commissioners. Miscellaneous billings (for shut-offs etc.) are being billed separately and not being tracked by the Tax Collector.

Also, no formal expense ledger was kept detailing 2004 expenses by account thus during the audit we could review only the total expenditures from the checking accounts and not any detail by account classification.

Recommendation

A formal system should be established so that all billing and abatements are reviewed by the Commissioners with printed warrants and abatements signed by at least two Commissioners. A ledger should be kept for both checking accounts summarizing expenditures from these accounts. Making these changes would improve internal controls and allow the Commissioners to keep better track of Water Department expenses.

Response to Recommendation

Water warrants & abatements are now being signed by the Commissioners and tracked by the Tax Collector. Miscellaneous billings are also being tracked by the Tax Collector. An expense ledger is currently being kept.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Sincerely,

White Mountain Business Services, Inc.

FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING - MARCH 8, 2005

Moderator William Mead called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Moderator announced that the polls would be temporarily closed, to be reopened shortly before 8:00 p.m. to allow all those who had not voted to do so.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

135 Ballots Cast

Selectman (3-year term):	Carl Belz	117
Write-ins:	William Downey, Jr.	1
	Mike Ford	3
	Robert Gilbert	3
	Steve Heath	1
	Bode Miller	1
	Ken Mosedale	1
	Tim Stephenson	1

Moderator (1-year term):	William L. Mead, Sr.	114
Write-ins:	Ned Densmore	3
	Harvey Flanders	1
	Robert Gilbert	2
	Carl Schaffer	1
	Dave Schaffer	2

Treasurer (1-year term):	Tina Peabody	123
Write-ins:	Walter Elander	1
	Beverly Taksar	1

Supervisor of the Checklist: (6-year term)	Karen Moore	119
Write-ins:	Arnold Schwarzenegger	1

Trustee of the Trust Fund: (3-year term)	John Lefavour	117
Write-in:	Phil Krill	1
	John Peabody	1

Trustee of the Trust Fund: (1-year term)	Michael J. Ford	128
Write-in:	Steve Heath	1

Library Trustee (3-year term):	Lucille Finn	121
Two vacancies	Harriet Taylor	110
Write-ins:	Linda Ford	1

Water Commissioner (3-year term):	William Downey	116
Write-ins:	Joel McKenzie	1
	Richard McLaughlin	1
	John Peabody	1
	Dean Powell	1

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$589,000.00 (gross budget) for the addition and equipping of the Safety Services building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$395,000 of notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$194,000 from the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. The Safety Services staff gave a slide presentation. Ron Taksar spoke to the article giving a history and cost analysis of the project through the use of graphics.

There was a recess at 8:00pm to re-open the polls. They remained open until 8:10pm; when all who wished to vote for the election of officers had voted. Polls were then closed and the meeting resumed.

After much discussion, the article was called to a vote. After those assembled had voted, the meeting resumed with the polls remaining open for an hour. After the hour the votes were counted and the result was:

Yes: 78

No: 62

Article 2 did not pass because it required a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive.....	\$90,762.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,500.00
Financial Administration	36,255.00
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning.....	19,245.00
General Government Buildings	66,556.00
Cemeteries.....	12,875.00
Insurance	6,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,342.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,649.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police.....	257,699.00
Ambulance	5,250.00
Fire	67,964.00
Life Squad.....	37,649.00
Forest Fire	3,360.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	19,800.00

(Franconia's Share..... 18,450.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS..... 249,979.00

UTILITIES..... 15,000.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS..... 7,363.00

(North Country Home Health2,178.00)

(White Mt. Mental Health.....1,267.00)

(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens1,050.00)

(Littleton Regional Hospital1,500.00)

(American Red Cross.....346.00)

(North Country YMCA.....250.00)

(Health Officer200.00)

(Hospice572.00)

WELFARE..... 5,000.00

(General Assistance3,000.00)

(CAP2,000.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs..... 56,574.00

(Franconia's Share..... 23,356.00)

Parks..... 8,200.00

Patriotic Purposes..... 1,000.00

Museums 200.00

CONSERVATION 2,000.00

INTEREST..... 4,000.00

TOTAL.....\$1,015,223.00

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article and indicated that the overall budget is up 3% from last year.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 3 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 4 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The money is to replace money spent this year.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 5 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. This truck is scheduled to be purchased in 2007.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 6 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. The funds are for a purchase in 2114.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 7 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Fire Equipment Truck and raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in this fund. The selectmen recommend this appropriation

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. This is a new fund which will be used to replace the 1988 truck in the year 2010.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 8 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. The monies would be to continue the improvements to the sidewalks.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 9 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. The money would be added to the existing \$36,000 trust and would be used to repave existing roads.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 10 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Cemetery Restoration Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. The money would be used to continue the ongoing restoration which is to be completed within 2 to 3 years.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 11 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Franconia Heritage Museum Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. This amount would replace the amount spent this past year for furnace repair.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 12 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. \$4,000.00 was spent for the painting of various town buildings. This amount would be used for future maintenance.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 13 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. The amount is to replace money spent last year to restore the library door.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 14 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be added to the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. The purpose of this article is two-fold; one, to protect the buying power of the money left in the fund and two, to allow for contingencies.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 15 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000.00) to purchase a new Town Buildings truck with a snow plow and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars (\$21,300) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$7,700.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. This truck would replace the existing truck and would be used for plowing, parks, cemeteries, etc.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 16 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$23,824.00) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of five thousand seven hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$5,724.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 2002 cruiser (\$3,100.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. The funds would be used to replace the 2002 cruiser now in use.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 17 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand five hundred sixty-six dollars (\$33,566.00) to purchase a new 4WD Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Police Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The amount of two thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars (\$2,466.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1999 Tahoe (\$6,100.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. This is to replace the 1999 Tahoe 4WD.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$33,756.00) for a full Property Valuation Update and to raise the sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$23,756.00) from taxation, and to authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. This year our equalization is down from 92.9% to 75%.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 19 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. The funds are put into the line item budget so that Easton and Sugar Hill can contribute to this fund.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 20 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to rebuild the Town Hall handicap ramp to comply with current ADA standards and to authorize the withdrawal of two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) from the Handicap Access Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. The balance of nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,800.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. The handicap ramp was built in the mid-1980s and is no longer up to code. It needs to be brought up to code.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 21 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand three hundred dollars (\$11,300.00) to purchase a new defibrillator for the Life Squad. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ramesh Dave spoke to the article. This is for a replacement of the defibrillator which was fried in a power surge. There was a motion and a second to amend the article to \$2,000.00 instead of \$11,300.00. The amendment did not pass by hand vote. (yes-15, no -25).

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 22 passed by hand vote.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a seven year lease agreement for \$118,328.00 for the purpose of leasing backhoe for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand nine hundred-four dollars (\$16,904.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. The Road Agent expressed an urgent need for a backhoe for ditch and culvert work. Leasing is an option to renting periodically until 2008.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 23 did not pass by hand vote.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase a snowplow for the 2004 Highway Truck. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. This would replace the demo plow which needs to be returned.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 24 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) to purchase a new mower for the cemetery. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. The existing mower is in its 10th year and is more of a residential mower. The new mower would be an industrial mower capable of filling the mowing needs of the town.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 25 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of a feasibility study for the expansion or relocation and construction of the Highway garage. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Ron Taksar spoke to the article. This is a long term priority to assess the area where the highway garage is located because of many issues at the site.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 26 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to increase the rate of contribution from the Land Use Change Tax received annually to the Land Use Fund previously established from 0% to 50% under the provisions of RSA 79-A:25. The selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. For at least the last 5 years no money has been allocated to this fund. This would reinstate the fund at 50%.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 27 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be added to the matching funds being collected towards the new playground equipment for the Dow field. The selectmen approve of this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. The current playground is unsafe. There is a \$24,000 matching grant for this project; the \$500 would be put towards the match.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 28 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-thirty-seven thousand five hundred-one dollars (\$237,501.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise forty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$49,625.00) from taxation and to expend twelve thousand dollars two hundred (\$12,200.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus for this purpose. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$31,492.00), the Town of Easton (\$14,315.00), PAYT Fees (\$78,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$31,869.00), and Recycled Material (\$20,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. We are raising \$49,625.00 for the town transfer station.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 29 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-two thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$62,906.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Carl Belz spoke to the article. There is a budget increase of 4-1/2% mostly due to fuel expenses and salary increases.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 30 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) for Ammonoosuc Community Health Services to help offset the cost of charity care and community benefit programs that the community health center provides. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. Sally Small spoke to the article. This organization helps uninsured patients and the funds would help defray the costs of the WIC program, etc.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 31 passed unanimously by voice vote.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved and seconded. David Weed, board member, spoke to the article. The money would be used to support the existing budget of the Children's Center.

There being no further discussion, the article was called to a vote. Article 32 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 33. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

The article was read, moved and seconded.

There were no reports presented.

ARTICLE 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

The article was read, moved and seconded.

John Peabody questioned the joining of the Franconia and Mittersill water departments. Sally Small responded that the two joined for grant money.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Clark
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$ 72,336,965.00
Buildings	112,814,600.00
Manufactured Housing	1,065,800.00
Electric Utilities	<u>1,648,900.00</u>
Gross Valuation	\$187,866,265.00
Blind Exemptions	(15,000.00)
Elderly Exemptions	<u>(75,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation	\$187,766,265.00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND TAXES ASSESSED**

Total Town Appropriations	\$1,633,876.00
Revenues	<u>(748,032.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	885,844.00
Net School Appropriations	1,652,028.00
Net State Education Appropriations	547,973.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>291,159.00</u>
Total of Town, School & County	3,377,004.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add: Overlay	20,104.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>5,550.00</u>
Property Tax to be Raised	3,393,902.00
Less Credits	<u>(5,550.00)</u>
Taxes Committed to Treasurer	\$3,388,352.00

2005 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$4.81
County	1.55
State	2.94
School	<u>8.80</u>
	\$18.10

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2005

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 55,900.00	\$177,100.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			49,483.00
Town Hall, equipment			1,937.00
Library, land & buildings	53,500.00	206,300.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	59,500.00	208,100.00	
Fire Department, equipment			328,899.00
Police Department, equipment			52,450.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	52,500.00	71,000.00	
Highway Department, equipment			75,456.00
Transfer Station, equipment			4,167.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	129,900.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			151,571.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	34,000.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			151,358.00
Cemeteries	96,100.00		
Land in Bethlehem	125,650.00		
Land in Franconia	216,000.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	107,000.00	85,100.00	
Heritage Museum	91,000.00	97,000.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	62,400.00	8,400.00	
Dow Strip	121,400.00		
Fox Hill Park	126,700.00		
	(1)	(1)	(2)

TOTALS	\$1,331,550.00	\$864,300.00	\$815,321.00
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Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2005
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$219,249.50
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	620.00
Municipal Agent Fees	3,710.00
Dog Licenses	475.00
Pole License	50.00
Miscellaneous Permits/Fees	355.01
Vital Statistics	92.00
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	21.00
Certified Copy Fees to State	176.00
Marriage License Fees to State	114.00
UCC Filings and Requests	345.00
TOTAL	<u>\$225,207.51</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2005
For Year Ending December 31, 2005

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$4,974,929.04	
Yield Taxes	17,551.95	
Land Use Change Taxes	119,140.00	
Utility	<u>144,089.88</u>	<u>\$5,255,710.87</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	11,778.09	
Interest Collected	<u>3,352.01</u>	<u>15,130.10</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$5,270,840.97</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$3,211,450.80	
Yield Taxes	7,417.99	
Land Use Change Taxes	89,230.79	
Utility	130,421.27	
Overpayments	11,778.09	
Property Tax Abatement	1,597,353.48	
Interest Collected	<u>3,352.01</u>	<u>\$5,051,004.43</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	207,877.25	
Utility	11,959.29	<u>219,836.54</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$5,207,840.97</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2004**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2004		
Property Taxes	\$234,464.91	
Utility	14,253.55	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>13,988.60</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$262,707.06

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$203,245.26	
Utility	9,233.17	
Interest Collected	13,988.60	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	2,903.17	
Utility	745.93	
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>32,590.93</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$262,707.06

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	<u>DEBITS</u>		
	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2005	\$	\$44,815.96	\$6,303.77
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	35,628.05		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>743.89</u>	<u>5,990.21</u>	<u>1,719.09</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	36,371.94	50,806.17	8,022.86

	<u>CREDITS</u>		
Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	20,324.88	43,085.73	6,173.01
Interest & Costs Collected	743.89	5,990.21	1,719.09
Abatements	13.00		
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>15,290.17</u>	<u>1,730.23</u>	<u>130.76</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$36,371.94	\$50,806.17	\$8,022.86

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2005

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Bastianelli, Yvonne	\$ 4,397.64		
Casey Wright, Heidi	517.38		
Catudal, Stephen J	358.78		
Doyon Cecile	68.43		
Harris, Harriet	3,000.45		
Lee, Lawrence	1,245.30		
McKay, John E.	472.00	456.97	
Moran, Michael S	89.19		
Nassar, Jean E	95.01		
O'Neill Sr, Robert J	2956.60		
Peckett, III, Robert P.	1,401.71	226.45	
Robillard, Stephen G	72.91		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott		511.87	130.76
Williams, Roy	<u>614.77</u>	<u>127.65</u>	
TOTALS	\$15,290.17	\$1,322.94	\$130.76

2005 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$1,115,054.92
Checking Account		
Beginning Balance	\$ 964,199.73	
Tax Collector	3,618,321.53	
Town Clerk	224,687.51	
Selectmen	450,849.35	
Interest Earned	<u>617.65</u>	
Total Regular Revenues	4,294,476.04	
Loan Proceeds	275,000.00	
From Trustees	115,723.00	
From NH-PDIP	<u>1,045,000.00</u>	
Total Other Revenue	1,435,723.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,730,199.04	5,730,199.04
Total Regular Disbursements	(4,372,164.87)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(1,800,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(275,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(299.50)	
Void Checks	21,642.95	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(6,425,821.42)	(6,425,821.42)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 268,557.35	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 150,855.19	
Deposits	1,800,000.00	
Interest Earned	8,715.89	1,808,715.89
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(1,045,000.00)</u>	<u>(1,045,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 914,571.08	
Ending Cash Balance		\$1,183,148.43

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$100,175.33
Deposits	44,955.00
Interest Earned	<u>2,871.47</u>
Ending Balance	\$148,001.80

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,474.93
Interest Earned	<u>270.68</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,745.61

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 38,285.21
Deposits	
Town of Franconia	49,625.00
Town of Sugar Hill	31,492.00
Town of Easton	14,315.00
PAYT Fees	76,707.00
Special Handling Fees	32,120.50
Recycled Material	30,627.03
Interest Earned	<u>686.52</u>
	235,573.05
Withdrawals	
Solid Waste Disposal	38,174.56
Bulky Disposal	33,767.04
Operating Expenses	24,466.35
Capital Improvements	13,656.83
Wages, Benefits, Payroll Taxes	<u>126,699.69</u>
	<u>236,764.47</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 37,093.79

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$85,385.27
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,107.84	
Deposits	88,531.59	88,531.59
PDIP Transfers IN	10,000.00	10,000.00
PDIP Transfers OUT	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)
Expenses	(76,637.70)	
Fees/Adj.	(57.90)	(76,695.60)
Ending Balance	2,943.83	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	84,277.43	
Deposits	20,000.00	
Interest Earned	2,447.13	22,447.13
Withdrawals to Checking	(10,000.00)	(10,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$96,724.56	
Year End Cash Balance		\$99,668.39

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$94,207.02
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$17,069.21	
Water Rents	69,704.17	69,704.17
PDIP Transfers IN	5,000.00	5,000.00
PDIP Transfers OUT	(45,000.00)	(45,000.00)
Expenses	(41,363.42)	
Fees	(40.70)	(41,404.12)
Ending Balance	5,369.26	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	77,137.81	
Interest Earned	3,008.28	
Deposits from Checking	45,000.00	48,008.28
Withdrawals to Checking	(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$120,146.09	
Year End Cash Balance		\$125,515.35

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$3,619,655.92
3190 Interest & Penalties	19,671.08

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	231,616.49
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	99,297.33
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	20,456.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	48,810.50

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	1,029.43
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	190.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	2,588.00
4194 General Government Buildings	746.80
4195 Cemeteries	1,975.00
4210 Police	2,205.39
4220 Fire	1,885.69
4221 Life Squad	13,414.06
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	463.62
4312 Highway	20,507.11
4442 Welfare	900.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	13,501.50

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	3,500.00
3502 Interest on Investments	9,333.54

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	64,607.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	47,496.00

TOTAL REVENUES

\$4,223,850.46

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	12,339.97
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas	1,664.11
BC/BS – Lovett	3,494.88
Cobra Payments	469.79
Dow Memorial Playground	7,713.75
Dow Strip Playground	28,784.23
Dow Strip Field Work	25,848.97
Flower Boxes	151.20
Planning Board Engineering Fees	1,660.00

Police Coverage	375.00
Recreation Department Deposit Fees	245.00
Willow Cemetery Donation	300.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>275,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 358,046.90

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$3,485,551.50	
3120 Land Use Change Tax	89,830.17	
3185 Yield Tax	7,115.25	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>37,159.00</u>	
		\$3,619,655.92
3190 Interest & Penalties		19,671.08

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 Business Permits	100.00	
3220 Motor Vehicle Permits	219,833.50	
3230 Building Permits	6,371.48	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>5,311.51</u>	
		231,616.49

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351 Revenue Sharing	17,693.00	
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	35,954.10	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>45,650.23</u>	
		99,297.33

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	4,141.00	
Transfer Station	<u>14,315.00</u>	
		20,456.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	1,353.50	
Recreation Programs	13,665.00	
Transfer Station	<u>31,492.00</u>	
		48,810.50

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Copies and Printouts	86.00	
Current Use/LUCT Fees	203.37	
Maps	2.00	
Miscellaneous	24.88	
Postage Reimbursed	11.00	
Secretary Wages Reimbursed	687.18	
Town History Sales	<u>15.00</u>	
		1,029.43

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Voter Accessibility	150.00	
Voter Checklist	<u>40.00</u>	190.00
4191 Planning and Zoning		
Hearing Fees	2,388.00	
Zoning Ordinances	<u>200.00</u>	2,588.00
4194 General Government Buildings		
Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement	389.75	
Donation for Sound System	200.00	
Use of Town Hall	<u>157.05</u>	746.80
4195 Cemeteries		
Burials		1,975.00
4210 Police		
Donations	575.00	
Pistol Permits	80.00	
Police Coverage	75.00	
Police Report	495.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	77.98	
Town Fines	307.60	
Vehicle Maintenance Refund	444.81	
Witness Fees	<u>150.00</u>	2,205.39
4220 Fire		
Sale of Fire Equipment	60.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	144.01	
Training Reimbursed	<u>1,681.68</u>	1,885.69
4221 Life Squad		
Donations	25.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	110.00	
Town of Easton	300.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	1,500.00	
Transport Payments	<u>11,479.06</u>	13,414.06
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
State Grant Money for Supplies	250.00	
Training Reimbursed	118.37	
Wages Reimbursed	<u>95.25</u>	463.62
4312 Highway Department		
FEMA Storm Damage Reimbursement	17,958.36	
Magic Salt Refund	1,300.00	
Sale of Street Signs	68.75	
Sale of Used Truck Tires	180.00	
Transfer Station Reimbursement	<u>1,000.00</u>	20,507.11
4442 Welfare		
Assistance Reimbursed		900.00

3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
	Baseball Fees	1,035.00	
	Basketball Fees	110.00	
	Soccer Fees	1,230.00	
	Summer Recreation Fees	<u>11,126.50</u>	13,501.50
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3502	Interest on Investments		
	Connecticut River Bank	617.65	
	NH-PDIP	<u>8,715.89</u>	9,333.54
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3915	Capital Reserve Funds		
	Town Buildings Truck Fund	21,248.00	
	Handicap Access Fund	2,200.00	
	Legal Fund	1,690.00	
	Police Cruiser Fund	<u>39,469.00</u>	64,607.00
3917	Expendable Trust Funds		
	Highway Improvement	43,809.00	
	Town Building Maintenance	<u>3,687.00</u>	47,496.00
TOTAL REVENUES			\$4,223,850.46
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)			
4332	Water Department		
	Computer Support	270.00	
	Gas, Diesel, etc.	5.60	
	Insurance-Commercial Auto	370.00	
	Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	66.17	
	Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,540.04	
	Payroll Taxes	386.38	
	Wages	5,076.16	
	Water Payments	4,512.74	
	Workers Compensation	<u>112.88</u>	12,339.97
4589	Museum Heating Oil/Gas		869.50
	BC/BS – Lovett		3,494.88
	Cobra Payments		469.79
	Dow Memorial Playground		7,713.75
	Dow Strip Playground		28,784.23
	Dow Strip Field Work		25,848.97
	Flower Boxes		151.20
	Planning Board Engineering Fees		1,660.00
	Police Coverage		375.00
	Recreation Deposit Fees		245.00
	Tax Anticipation Note		275,000.00
	Willow Cemetery Donation		<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS			\$ 358,046.90

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 86,110.74
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	18,977.51
4150 Financial Administration	34,783.89
4152 Revaluation of Property	13,465.03
4153 Legal Expense	3,695.30
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	16,421.93
4194 General Government Buildings	71,332.70
4195 Cemeteries	10,367.11
4196 Insurance	6,681.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,342.00
4199 Other General Government	3,800.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	260,251.18
4220 Fire	62,148.21
4221 Life Squad	34,752.30
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	3,357.45
4299 Emergency Phone Lines	19,803.36

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	280,558.56
4316 Utilities	15,801.10

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	7,163.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	4,548.40
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	55,461.67
4521 Parks	4,836.59
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	222.04

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	1,795.00
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	3,441.26
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	98,806.54
4903 Buildings	15,686.58
4909 Other Improvements	43,808.63

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912 Special Revenue Funds	157,485.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	53,600.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>79,600.00</u>

SUB-TOTAL**\$1,482,104.08****ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS****24,894.74****WATER LIENS****6,445.57****PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

4931 Grafton County	293,021.00
4933 School Districts	2,213,928.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>564.50</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES**\$4,020,957.89****TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)**

4332 Water Department	12,339.97
4589 Museum	1,664.11
BC/BS – Lovett	3,493.88
Cobra Payments	469.79
Dow Memorial Playground	7,713.75
Dow Strip Playground	28,784.23
Dow Strip Field Work	25,848.97
Flower Boxes	151.20
Planning Board Engineering Fees	1,660.00
Police Coverage	375.00
Recreation Deposit Fees	245.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>325,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS**\$ 358,046.90**

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax	2,766.86	
Current Use/LUCT Recordings	169.94	
Dues	907.50	
Equipment		
Insurance	10.61	
Maintenance/Repairs	570.76	
New	<u>1,729.22</u>	2,310.59
Maps		2,353.75
Miscellaneous		360.76
Newspaper Notices		207.25
Postage		906.47
Professional Assistance		900.00
RSA Updates & Legal Material		431.85
Software Support		1,360.00
Supplies		1,492.36
Telephone		1,725.79
Training/Meetings		1,049.21
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		18,954.80
Executive Secretary		10,690.58
Moderator		90.00
Secretary		13,746.51
Selectmen		4.00
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		21,199.24
Payroll Taxes		3,321.52
Retirement - Town Contribution		936.00
Workers Compensation		<u>225.76</u>
		\$ 86,110.74

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration		
General Expenses		
Software Support	600.00	
Supplies	<u>42.35</u>	625.35
Town Clerk		
General Expenses		
Dog Tags		52.00
Dues		20.00
New Equipment		465.33
Newspaper Notices		43.75
Postage		476.43
Software Programs/Support		1,893.14
Supplies		132.24

Telephone	807.28	
Salaries & Wages		
Ballot Clerks	193.56	
Supervisor of the Checklist	202.08	
Town Clerk	12,923.75	
Deputy Town Clerk	127.20	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>998.40</u>	18,977.51
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	334.00	
Checks & Supplies	259.08	
Town Report	1,590.00	
Auditor	3,500.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Mortgage Search	299.00	
New Equipment	92.62	
Postage/Envelopes	812.56	
Software Programs/Support	1,757.50	
Recording Fees	108.17	
Supplies	200.00	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	18,954.80	
Tax Collector	3,458.94	
Treasurer	1,563.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	1,834.22	34,783.89
4152 Revaluation of Property		13,465.03
4153 Legal Expense		
Capital Reserve Funds	1,690.42	
General Matters	<u>2,004.88</u>	3,695.30
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Engineering Fees	340.00	
Maps	300.00	
Meetings	175.00	
Newspaper Notices	246.55	
Postage	242.35	
RSA Updates & Law Books	90.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	188.60	
Supplies	31.09	
Master Plan		
CIP Expense	4,121.50	

Printing	303.55		
Professional Assistance	7,480.00		
Supplies	<u>26.18</u>	11,931.23	
Salary & Wages			
Secretary	2,469.79		
ZBA Secretary	<u>202.86</u>	2,672.65	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>204.46</u>	16,421.93
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		3,500.41	
Dow Clock		680.27	
Equipment			
Maintenance	180.19		
New	<u>1,692.76</u>	1,872.95	
Heating Oil		8,188.56	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	415.93		
Commercial Auto	<u>225.00</u>	640.93	
Library Insurance		664.07	
Library Maintenance		429.56	
Plantings		217.78	
Sidewalk Plowing		3,144.10	
Sound System		368.24	
Supplies		785.78	
Uniforms		500.00	
Vehicles			
Gas	2,018.07		
Maintenance	668.37		
Repairs	<u>303.95</u>	2,990.39	
Salaries & Wages		29,266.36	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		14,309.39	
Payroll Taxes		2,472.62	
Retirement - Town Contribution		624.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>677.29</u>	71,332.70
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		141.47	
Equipment		744.77	
Supplies/Flags		898.89	
Tree Removal		1,822.50	
Waterline		39.53	
Salary & Wages		6,137.49	
Taxes & Benefits			

Payroll Taxes	469.58	
Workers Compensation	<u>112.88</u>	10,367.11
4196 Insurance		
Liability	5,144.00	
Public Officials Liability	1,000.00	
Unemployment Compensation-Audit	213.00	
Workers Compensation-Audit	<u>324.00</u>	6,681.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.		
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	10,000.00	
Mt Washington Regional Airport	693.00	
North Country Council	<u>1,649.00</u>	12,342.00
4199 Other General Government		
Article 28 – Dow Field Donation	500.00	
Article 31 – ACHS	1,800.00	
Article 32 – Franconia Children’s Center	<u>1,500.00</u>	3,800.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		
4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Boarding Fee-Stray Dogs	130.00	
Building Maintenance	3,573.32	
CNHSOU	2,500.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	817.86	
Firearms		
Ammunition	1,107.74	
New	5.96	
Training	<u>30.00</u>	1,143.70
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	75.29	
Commercial Auto	577.00	
Liability	<u>5,235.00</u>	5,887.29
Investigations		199.00
Maps-911		130.00
Miscellaneous		222.54
Office		
Equipment		
New	5,157.94	
Repairs/Maintenance	237.79	
Software/Support	4,344.18	
Supplies/Postage	<u>1,521.13</u>	11,261.04
Photography		515.55
Radar Calibration		85.00
Radios		
Maintenance	338.00	
Pager Lease	<u>270.00</u>	608.60

RSA Updates & Law Books	746.27	
Safety Equipment	29.75	
Telephone	2,970.01	
Training Expense	932.61	
Uniforms		
Cleaning/Repairs	1,362.25	
New	<u>2,699.05</u>	4,061.30
Vehicles		
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	7,122.16	
Maintenance	2,268.26	
Repairs	1,618.47	
Supplies	<u>1,408.53</u>	12,417.42
Salaries & Wages		
Officers	130,869.53	
Overtime	12,949.06	
Prosecuting	730.61	
Special Investigations	2,702.21	
Specials	4,044.94	
Training	5,569.30	
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance	37,372.74	
Payroll Taxes	2,807.95	
Retirement - Town Contribution	13,280.33	
Workers Compensation	<u>1,693.25</u>	260,251.18
4220 Fire Department		
General Expenses		
Administration and Supplies		312.58
Building Maintenance		
Cleaning	1,199.63	
Electricity	3,350.23	
Maintenance	<u>1,021.38</u>	5,571.24
Dues and Subscriptions		960.05
Fire Prevention		560.57
Gas and Diesel		1,224.96
Heating Oil		3,742.37
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	679.18	
Commercial Auto	<u>2,062.45</u>	2,741.63
Maps – 911		130.00
New Equipment		
Lightbar	1,000.00	
SCBA	1,792.88	
Turnout Gear	1,649.02	
Fire Hose	782.52	
Radios & Pagers	2,507.96	
Rescue Tools	2,447.22	10,179.60



NOTES

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall
March 14, 2006 – 7:30 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$93,246.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	22,639.00
Financial Administration	41,986.00
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00
Legal Expenses	3,500.00
Planning & Zoning.....	18,855.00
General Government Buildings	75,306.00
Cemeteries.....	11,330.00
Insurance	8,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,534.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,841.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police.....	267,672.00
Fire	71,480.00
Life Squad	50,765.00
Forest Fire	3,740.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	25,046.00
(Franconia's Share.....	23,996.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....321,762.00

UTILITIES..... 16,000.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS..... 9,213.00

(ACHS.....	1,800.00)
(American Red Cross.....	346.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,100.00)
(Health Officer	200.00)
(Hospice of Littleton.....	572.00)
(Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00)
(North Country Home Health	2,178.00)
(North Country YMCA.....	250.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)

WELFARE.....5,500.00

(General Assistance	3,500.00)
(CAP	2,000.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs	63,438.00
(Franconia's Share.....	25,640.00)
Parks.....	8,000.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000.00
Museums	300.00
CONSERVATION	6,500.00
INTEREST	4,000.00

TOTAL.....\$1,148,462.00

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred nineteen thousand five hundred-fifty dollars (\$119,550.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Trucks, \$36,000; Police Cruisers, \$19,100; Fire Pumper Truck, \$30,000; Fire Equip Truck, \$10,000; Life Squad Van, \$20,250 and Town Buildings Truck, \$4,200.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty five thousand one hundred dollars (\$65,100.00) to be added to the following Expendable Trust Funds previously established. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Highway Improvement, \$50,000; Sidewalk Improvement, \$5,000; Museum Maintenance, \$6,300 and Library Maintenance, \$3,800.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) to purchase a new mower and trailer for the Town Buildings and Grounds Department. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-seven thousand six hundred and thirty dollars (\$57,630.00) to replace the boiler and heating system in the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The amount of thirty-seven thousand six hundred and thirty dollars (\$37,630.00) is to come from general taxation. The selectmen and Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred twenty dollars (\$5,420.00) to install a detection and fire alarm system in the Town Hall. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand fifty dollars (\$9,050.00) to complete necessary fire code upgrades to the Town Hall. The selectmen and Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$83,285.00) to purchase a

loader/backhoe for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of forty-seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The sum of twelve thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$12,285.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1989 John Deere (\$24,000.00). The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$13,877.00) to purchase a stainless steel sander for the Highway Department. The amount of eleven thousand eight hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$11,877.00) is to come from general taxation. Additional funding (\$2,000.00) for this appropriation will come from trading in the 1995 steel sander. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust to allow for repairs to the building and to be in line with all the other Expendable Trusts. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-three thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$33,756.00) for a full Property Valuation Update and to raise the sum of twenty-three thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$23,756.00) from taxation, and to authorize the withdrawal of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-sixty thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$260,262.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise fifty thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$50,997.00) from taxation, and to expend twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus. Additional funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$32,364.00), the Town of Easton (\$14,711.00), PAYT Fees (\$77,500.00), Special Handling Fees (\$35,690.00), and Recycled Material (\$25,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of a feasibility study to be expended by the Infrastructure Committee as they find necessary. The sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) will come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount will be raised from taxation. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to transfer one thousand-five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars (\$66,565.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) to purchase street numbers and posts for the Town of Franconia. The selectmen and the Capital Improvements Plan recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Health Insurance Deductible Expendable Trust created in 2003. With said funds plus interest to date to be placed in the town's general fund. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand eighty-five dollars (\$5,085.00) plus interest to date, to be placed in the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund, which was previously created. (The sum of \$5,085.00 plus interest is the amount from the dissolution of the Health Insurance Deductible Expendable Trust Fund in warrant article #20). The selectmen recommend this appropriation

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will place a question on the state election ballot to change the polling hours so that the polls shall open at 11:00AM and close at 7:00PM for all regular state elections beginning with the first state election to be held in the year 2006 as provided in RSA 659:4-a.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to modify the veteran's credit from \$1,400.00 to \$2,000 for service connected total and permanent disability as provided in RSA 72:27-a.

ARTICLE 24. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Ronald J. Taksar
Ramesh P. Dave
Carl I. Belz
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2005	Actual 2005	Estimated 2006
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 56,195.00	\$ 89,830.00	\$ 5,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	5,000.00	7,115.00	20,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	36,357.00	36,357.00	36,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	16,000.00	19,671.00	15,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	100.00	100.00	100.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	210,000.00	219,870.00	200,000.00
3230 Building Permits	4,500.00	6,371.00	4,500.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	4,000.00	5,338.00	4,000.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			
3311 FEMA	10,455.00	17,958.00	-0-
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	7,050.00	7,050.00	7,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	35,954.00	35,954.00	30,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	45,650.00	45,650.00	44,485.00
3359 Other	802.00	802.00	-0-
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	20,412.00	20,456.00	21,209.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	48,663.00	48,811.00	50,858.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	3,000.00	45,865.00	44,900.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	129,869.00	139,455.00	138,190.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	15,600.00	13,502.00	18,455.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	9,200.00	12,700.00	26,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	3,500.00	9,334.00	4,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Water Dept.	-0-	-0-	-0-
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	12,200.00	1,518.00	24,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	73,500.00	64,607.00	57,000.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	-0-	-0-	-0-
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	47,496.00	25,085.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	-0-	-0-	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$748,032.00	\$895,810.00	\$805,782.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2005	Actual 2005	Estimated 2006
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 90,762.00	\$ 86,111.00	93,246.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	20,500.00	18,978.00	22,639.00
4150 Financial Administration	36,255.00	34,784.00	41,986.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	6,150.00	6,150.00	6,150.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	3,695.00	3,500.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	19,245.00	16,422.00	18,855.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	66,556.00	71,478.00	75,306.00
4195 Cemeteries	12,875.00	10,367.00	11,330.00
4196 Insurance	6,500.00	6,681.00	8,500.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,342.00	12,342.00	12,534.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	257,699.00	260,251.00	267,672.00
4215 Ambulance	5,250.00	-0-	-0-
4220 Fire	67,964.00	60,056.00	71,480.00
4221 Life Squad	37,649.00	34,752.00	50,765.00
4290 Forest Fire	3,360.00	3,357.00	3,740.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	19,800.00	19,803.00	25,046.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	249,979.00	280,559.00	321,762.00
4316 Utilities	15,000.00	15,801.00	16,000.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	7,363.00	7,163.00	9,213.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	5,000.00	4,548.00	5,500.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	56,574.00	55,293.00	63,438.00
4521 Parks	8,200.00	4,837.00	8,000.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	200.00	222.00	300.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	2,000.00	1,795.00	6,500.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	4,000.00	3,441.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY 2005			
Article 16: Town Buildings Truck	29,000.00	28,948.00	-0-
Article 17: Police Cruiser	23,824.00	21,102.00	-0-
Article 18: 4WD Police Cruiser	33,566.00	26,657.00	-0-
Article 22: Defibrillator	11,300.00	11,300.00	-0-
Article 23: Backhoe Lease	16,904.00	-0-	-0-
Article 24: Highway Truck Snowplow	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
Article 25 Cemetery Mower	6,300.00	5,800.00	-0-

FY 2006			
Article 5: Mower & Trailer	-0-	-0-	9,000.00
Article 9: Highway Loader	-0-	-0-	83,285.00
Article 10: Highway Sander	-0-	-0-	13,877.00
4903 Buildings			
FY 2005			
Article 2: Safety Services Building	589,000.00	-0-	-0-
Article 21: Handicap Ramp	12,000.00	12,000.00	-0-
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	-0-	3,687.00	-0-
FY 2006			
Article 6: Town Hall Boiler	-0-	-0-	57,630.00
Article 7: Town Hall Alarm System	-0-	-0-	5,420.00
Article 8: Town Hall Fire Codes	-0-	-0-	9,050.00
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Highway Improvement	-0-	43,809.00	-0-
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	237,501.00	236,764.00	260,262.00
Land Use Fund	-0-	44,955.00	-0-
Library	62,906.00	62,906.00	66,565.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Life Squad Van	100.00	100.00	20,250.00
CRF: Legal	12,000.00	12,000.00	-0-
CRF: Highway Truck	3,000.00	3,000.00	36,000.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	-0-	-0-	19,100.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	-0-	-0-	4,200.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	25,000.00	25,000.00	30,000.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	100.00	100.00	5,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	20,000.00	20,000.00	50,000.00
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	2,000.00	2,000.00	6,300.00
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
EFT: Library Maintenance	500.00	500.00	3,800.00
EFT: Safety Services Building	50,000.00	50,000.00	-0-
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY 2005			
Article 19: Property Valuation Update	33,756.00	7,315.00	33,756.00
Article 26: Highway Garage Study	30,000.00	-0-	-0-
Article 28: Dow Playground	500.00	500.00	-0-
Article 31: ACHS	1,800.00	1,800.00	-0-
FY 2006			
Article 14: Infrastructure Study	-0-	-0-	30,000.00
Article 18: Street Numbers	-0-	-0-	8,500.00
Article 20: Emergency Management ETF	-0-	-0-	5,085.00
Article 21: Franconia Children's Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
	\$2,239,780.00	\$1,663,629.00	\$1,917,542.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$90,762.00	\$ 2,901.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,500.00	190.00
Financial Administration	36,255.00	-0-
Revaluation of Property	6,150.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	1,690.00
Planning & Zoning	19,245.00	2,588.00
General Government Buildings	66,556.00	747.00
Cemeteries	12,875.00	1,975.00
Insurance	6,500.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,342.00	-0-
Police	257,699.00	2,165.00
Ambulance	5,250.00	-0-
Fire	67,964.00	1,886.00
Life Squad	37,649.00	11,614.00
Forest Fire	3,360.00	464.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	19,800.00	-0-
Highway Department	249,979.00	10,052.00
Utilities	15,000.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	7,363.00	-0-
Welfare	5,000.00	900.00
Recreation	56,574.00	(2,103.00)
Parks	8,200.00	-0-
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	200.00	-0-
Conservation	2,000.00	-0-
Interest	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>5,833.00</u>
TOTALS	\$1,015,223.00	\$40,902.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 93,663.00	\$ 86,111.00	\$ 7,552.00	\$ -0-
20,690.00	18,978.00	1,712.00	-0-
36,255.00	34,784.00	1,471.00	-0-
6,150.00	6,150.00	-0-	-0-
4,690.00	3,695.00	995.00	-0-
21,833.00	16,422.00	5,411.00	-0-
67,303.00	71,333.00	-0-	4,030.00
14,850.00	10,367.00	4,483.00	-0-
6,500.00	6,681.00	-0-	181.00
12,342.00	12,342.00	-0-	-0-
259,864.00	260,251.00	-0-	387.00
5,250.00	-0-	5,250.00	-0-
69,850.00	62,148.00	7,702.00	-0-
49,263.00	34,752.00	14,511.00	-0-
3,824.00	3,357.00	467.00	-0-
19,800.00	19,803.00	-0-	3.00
260,031.00	280,559.00	-0-	20,528.00
15,000.00	15,801.00	-0-	801.00
7,363.00	7,163.00	200.00	-0-
5,900.00	4,548.00	1,352.00	-0-
54,471.00	55,462.00	-0-	991.00
8,200.00	4,837.00	3,363.00	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
200.00	222.00	-0-	22.00
2,000.00	1,795.00	205.00	-0-
<u>9,833.00</u>	<u>3,441.00</u>	<u>6,392.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$1,056,125.00	\$1,022,002.00	\$61,066.00	\$26,943.00

NOTES

Telephone	1,080.18	
Training and Prevention	469.00	
Vehicles and Equipment	3,457.85	
Salaries & Wages		
Fireman's Annual Pay	26,573.00	
Fireman's Fund	2,040.00	
Inspections	400.53	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	2,140.24	
Workers Compensation	<u>564.41</u>	62,148.21
4221 Life Squad		
General Expenses		
Billing & Collections Fee	1,081.47	
Maps – 911	130.00	
Equipment	2,902.82	
Radios	1,462.77	
Rescue Booker	420.00	
Supplies	3,082.71	
Telephone	294.27	
Training	2,789.00	
Uniforms	137.44	
Vehicles		
Commercial Auto Insurance	370.00	
Gas & Diesel	903.74	
Maintenance	<u>1,724.36</u>	2,998.10
Wages & Benefits		
Wages	17,651.83	
Payroll Taxes	1,350.36	
Workers Compensation	<u>451.53</u>	19,453.72
		34,752.30
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)		
General Expenses		
Equipment Maintenance	267.97	
Mileage Reimbursed	55.78	
New Equipment	1,225.67	
Supplies	210.95	
Vehicles		
Gas, Diesel & Oil	217.01	
Insurance	225.00	
Maintenance	<u>82.39</u>	524.40
Salary & Wages		
Annual Pay	625.00	
Fire Fighting Pay	190.50	
Fire Fighting Training	<u>180.96</u>	996.46
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>76.22</u>	3,357.45

4299 Dispatch Phone Lines		
8123 Phone Line	2,706.04	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>17,097.32</u>	19,803.36

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department		
General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	2,510.96	
Dues	55.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance	1,964.78	
New	1,500.00	
Rental	9,022.13	
Repairs	<u>4,692.78</u>	17,179.69
Gas and Diesel		21,136.72
Gravel		12,113.21
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	366.55	
Commercial Auto	<u>1,478.00</u>	1,844.55
Newspaper Notices		116.00
New Tools		153.85
Radio Repair		193.40
Random Drug Tests		220.00
Roadside Mowing		1,840.00
Road Oil		7,142.65
Sand and Salt		21,817.13
Storm Damage		15,766.33
Street Sweeping		3,300.00
Supplies		5,386.67
Telephone		1,033.56
Uniforms		1,500.00
Vehicles		
Maintenance	2,225.63	
Repairs	<u>3,103.89</u>	5,329.52
Wallace Hill Road Plowing		1,020.00
Workers Comp Compliance		729.88
Salaries & Wages		
Wages		104,635.80
Overtime		12,580.27
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		28,851.42
Payroll Taxes		8,956.06
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,812.00
Workers Compensation	<u>4,063.77</u>	280,558.56
4316 Utilities		
Cable Consortium	225.45	
Street Lighting	<u>15,575.65</u>	15,801.10

HEALTH

4415 Health Agencies		
American Red Cross	346.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,050.00	
Hospice of Littleton Area	572.00	
Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00	
North Country Home Health	2,178.00	
North Country YMCA	250.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,267.00</u>	7,163.00

WELFARE

4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	2,548.40	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,000.00</u>	4,548.40

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation		
Executive Director	14,835.21	
Executive Director Expense	926.80	
Baseball and Softball		
Clinic/Umpire Fees	620.00	
Supplies	921.52	
Uniforms	1,438.98	
Basketball		
Referees	170.00	
Supplies	206.06	
Tournament Fees	365.00	
Uniforms	437.36	
Rink and Ice Skating		
Equipment Maintenance	51.53	
Furnace Maintenance	63.67	
Icemaking	2,863.67	
Insurance – Warming Hut	6.88	
Rink Maintenance	1,270.79	
Supplies	66.90	
Utilities	1,710.69	
Rink Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	
Soccer		
Referees	200.00	
Supplies	201.13	
Tournament Expense	360.00	
Uniforms	250.63	
Summer Recreation		
Adventure Program	691.02	
Pool and Facilities	450.00	
Staff Uniforms	24.50	
Staff Workshops/Training	250.00	
Supplies	878.93	

Transportation	4,020.49	
Uniforms	786.68	
Salaries & Wages	15,890.04	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	2,600.13	
Workers Compensation	<u>903.06</u>	55,461.67
4521 Parks		
Dow Field		
Electricity	97.78	
Equipment	202.05	
Field Maintenance	1,887.24	
Portable Toilets	<u>672.00</u>	2,859.07
Parks Mowing/Maintenance		1,881.30
Supplies		<u>96.22</u>
		4,836.59
4583 Patriotic Purpose		1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance		222.04
4619 Conservation		
General Expenses		
Dues	175.00	
Trees	<u>1,620.00</u>	1,795.00
DEBT SERVICE		
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note		3,441.26
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4902 Vehicles & Equipment		
Article 16 – Town Buildings Truck	28,947.64	
Article 17 – Police Cruiser	21,102.29	
Article 18 – Police 4WD	26,656.61	
Article 22 – Life Squad Defibrillator	11,300.00	
Article 24 – Highway Dept. Snowplow	5,000.00	
Article 25 – Cemetery Mower	<u>5,800.00</u>	98,806.54
4903 Buildings		
Town Building Maintenance	3,686.58	
Article 21 – Handicap Ramp	<u>12,000.00</u>	15,686.58
4909 Other Improvements		
Highway Improvement		43,808.63
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Land Use Fund (50% LUCT)	44,955.00	

Library Appropriation	62,906.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	<u>49,624.00</u>	157,485.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		
4915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Legal	12,000.00	
Life Squad Van	100.00	
Fire Truck – Equipment	10,000.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper	25,000.00	
Highway Truck	3,000.00	
Town Buildings Truck	<u>3,500.00</u>	53,600.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Cemetery Restoration	2,000.00	
Heritage Museum Maintenance	2,000.00	
Highway Improvement	20,000.00	
Library Building Maintenance	500.00	
Safety Services Facilities	50,000.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	100.00	
Town Buildings Improvement	<u>5,000.00</u>	79,600.00
SUB-TOTAL		\$1,482,104.08
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS		24,894.74
WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS		6,445.57
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		293,021.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	1,065,825.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,148,103.00</u>	2,213,928.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	178.00	
Dog License Fees	44.50	
Marriage Licenses	190.00	
Dog License Fees	<u>152.00</u>	564.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$4,020,957.89
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)		
4332 Water Department		
Computer Support	270.00	
Gas & Diesel	5.60	
Insurance – Commercial Auto	370.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	66.17	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,540.04	

Water Payments	3,856.81	
Wages	5,076.16	
Payroll Taxes	386.38	
Workers Compensation	<u>112.88</u>	12,339.97
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		1,664.11
BC/BS Lovett		3,493.88
Cobra Insurance Payments		469.79
Dow Memorial Playground		7,713.75
Dow Strip Playground		28,784.23
Dow Strip Field Work		25,848.97
Flower Boxes		151.20
Planning Board Engineering Fees		1,660.00
Police Coverage		375.00
Recreation Deposit Fees		245.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>275,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 358,046.90

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 38,285.21
Income		
Town of Franconia	\$49,625.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	31,492.00	
Town of Easton	14,315.00	
PAYT Bags	76,707.00	
Special Handling Fees	32,120.50	
Recycled Material	30,627.03	
Interest Earned	<u>686.52</u>	235,573.05
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	6,562.00	
MSW Tipping	31,612.56	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	6,921.50	
Roll Off Tipping	21,732.06	
Roll Off Rental	699.25	
Tires	579.50	
Other	3,834.73	
Utilities	4,471.62	
General Expenses		
Dues	1,745.53	
PAYT Bags	10,789.50	
Insurance	161.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	2,072.01	
Oil & Gas	1,182.44	
Training & Certification	150.00	
Uniforms	115.99	
Equipment Maintenance	2,548.39	
Sanding	1,000.00	
Capital Improvements	13,656.83	
Wages	94,917.02	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	20,200.96	
Retirement	1,872.00	
Workers' Compensation	2,483.41	
Payroll Taxes	<u>7,226.30</u>	<u>236,764.47</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 37,093.79

2006-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2006 – 2012 Capital Improvements Plan, adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Franconia Board of Selectmen, was completed by a diverse group of seven citizens, appointed by the Planning Board and the CIP Chairperson. The Committee worked from April through December 2005 on this year's effort.

The Committee interviewed all Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, Recreation, Library and Heritage Society representatives and the Town's Select Board and administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2006-2012. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and prioritized in relation to each other and the Town's historical yearly capital expenditures and the ability to raise monies to fund the projects in the future. It was agreed that the general target for annual capital expenditures for the period should be approximately \$250,000, a figure in line with historical dollar averages as well as percentage of the Town's total annual budget. It was also agreed that it would be prudent to use a higher short range target of approximately \$300,000 for 2006 and 2007 in anticipation of budgetary pressures caused by Profile School funding and the possible need to fund sizable Town infrastructure projects in the coming years. This would represent an approximately 11% increase for the next two years over the Town's six year historical average for dollars per \$1000 of property value. Next, a draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizen's review. A public hearing was then held to elicit comment on the draft and the feedback reflected in the committee's final draft to be presented for adoption to the Planning Board. The CIP was presented to the Planning Board on January 10th, 2006 and officially adopted. The Committee presented the Plan to the Select Board on January 17th, 2006 for use in their planning of the Town of Franconia 2006 annual budget.

The CIP Committee would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP Committee, Planning and Select Boards, newly formed Infrastructure Committee and the community at large:

1) The Town of Franconia needs to consider long term financing, either in the form of bonding or bank financing, for some of the larger proposed capital projects. In lieu of having reserved for these needs in years past, the identified timing of these projects, and the relative present cost of borrowing, this method of raising monies seems prudent and effective in managing the tax impact of these capital expenditures.

2) The CIP Committee recommends to the Select Board that a CAP (Capital Acceptance Plan) be established for each large project that would require financing. The CAP process would assist the Town Administrators, working with the citizenry, to establish the best strategy for a given project and secure its acceptance for funding. The

Infrastructure Committee may be helpful in identifying those projects that would benefit from having a CAP established.

3) The CIP Committee anticipates continuing to work closely with the Planning Board to reflect the current and updated Master Plan in the CIP. The Committee is also committed

to working closely with the Infrastructure Committee to integrate their findings into future CIPs.

4) The CIP Committee recommends that the Selectboard prepare a comprehensive long range plan for the upgrades necessary at the Town Hall. The Committee also suggests that the Fire Safety related projects be presented comprehensively and discreetly from the Personnel Safety projects.

5) The CIP Committee will make a priority in 2006 to establish useful life guidelines for all major and replaceable vehicles and equipment in Town and appropriately budget for future replacement needs.

6) The CIP Committee recommends that the Road Agent, working with the Select Board, Planning Board and Infrastructure Committee, establish a long range Strategic Plan for the Towns roads. This plan would provide recommendations and schedules for maintenance and improvements to existing roads and identify required new construction. This plan would be used to establish appropriate and realistic annual funding to be included in the CIP.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2006-2012 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully,

Ann Ackley
Carl Belz
Ken Ford
Mary Fowler
Rick Gaudette
Jim Hamblin
Steve Plant
The CIP Committee

MISSION STATEMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY GROUP

October 2, 2005

Mission: Using a twenty-year time horizon, inventory and study the town's infrastructure and make recommendations concerning acquisition, replacement, renovation, utilization, and/or maintenance that will lead to the town's best organizational and operational structure. Address priorities whenever practicable.

Concept: **Commissioning –**

The Infrastructure Study Group is envisioned as a one-time entity that will expire upon completion of a written report.

Inventory –

All existing town owned physical assets including, but not limited to, buildings, major equipment items, and land.

Forecast –

Twenty-year population demographics.

Study –

Buildings, facilities, the State-Town road network and town owned vacant and conserved land, Internet connectivity, and any other area the Group feels appropriate. Acquirable land should be considered.

Integrate –

All infrastructures into a cohesive town-wide system.

Coordination –

Although informal coordination with other town entities may be desirable, the judgment of the Group as presented in their report's recommendations should be as independent as possible. The report is expected to complement the on-going up-dating of the Master Plan, further illuminate the desires of town tax payers, and guide the Select Board in the efficient utilization of the town's departments and entities.

Study Resources –

Architect & Engineering funds available for the study of the Safety Services Building.

- Study funds for a new highway garage.

- Town Survey, December 21, 2005.

- Administrative support may be obtained from the town office.

Product: A brief written report of the Study Group's recommendations to the Select Board no later than October 1, 2006.

Definitions:

Infrastructure: The underlying foundation or framework of a system or organization. A system of public works. A town's resources – the personnel, buildings, and equipment required for the town.

Legal:

- All Group members must be sworn.

- All meetings are public and must be Noticed.

Ronald J. Taksar, Chairman
Franconia Select Board

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
Emergency Generator	\$15,000.00	\$13,500.00	20	\$750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	16,000.00	10	2,000.00
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	182,750.00	20	10,750.00
1997 Ford Rescue Van	110,000.00	22,000.00	10	11,000.00
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	180,000.00	72,000.00	20	9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment Van	20,000.00	-0-		-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)				
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	6,481.00	20	705.00
Protective Gear	15,000.00	1,511.00		-0-
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00		10	1,510.00
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	3,000.00			-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	2,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fittings	4,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Computer	1,520.00	-0-		-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	14,400.00		
Mobile Radios (5)	18,000.00		10	1,800.00
Portable Radios (15)	12,800.00	-0-	10	-0-
Base Radio	3,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Beepers (35)	<u>16,975.00</u>	<u>257.00</u>	10	<u>131.00</u>
Totals	\$725,758.00	\$328,899.00		\$37,646.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Chevy Impala	\$21,102.00	14,068.00	3	\$7,034.00
2005 Chevy Tahoe	26,657.00	21,325.00	5	5,332.00
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	1,950.00	5	1,952.00
1992 GE Mobile (2)	930.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Kenwood Mobile	1,464.00	366.00	8	183.00
Siren, Lights	1,200.00	-0-	5	-0-
1989 Siren	210.00	-0-	10	-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	1,328.00	5	442.00
Matrix Personal Body Armor	1,180.00	708.00	5	236.00

2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	218.00	6	108.00
2001 Video Cameras (2)	10,360.00	5,180.00	10	1,036.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	600.00	300.00	10	60.00
2001 Dell Computer (Donated)				
1999 Laptop Computer	3,353.00	-0-	5	
2005 Dell Computers (2)	3,278.00	2,622.00	5	656.00
2005 Label Printer	300.00	240.00	5	60.00
2005 HP Printer	920.00	736.00	5	184.00
2005 Typewriter	575.00	460.00	5	115.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	1,400.00	840.00	10	140.00
2002 Colt TR (2) – (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	90.00	10	15.00
2001 Colt TR	700.00	350.00	10	70.00
2000 Colt TR	700.00	280.00	10	70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	3,709.00	489.00	10	370.00
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	587.00	233.00	10	59.00
1989 Mossberg shotgun (2)	393.00	95.00	10	33.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	1,430.00	572.00	10	143.00
Misc. Office	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-
Totals	\$100,263.00	\$52,450.00		\$18,298.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2004 Ford Truck	\$44,794.00	\$22,396.00	4	\$11,199.00
2001 Ford Truck	44,980.00	-0-	10	11,245.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	21,332.00	10	7,110.00
1995 Mack Truck	76,702.00	-0-	10	7,672.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	4,000.00	10	500.00
1995 Spreaders (2)	18,498.00	-0-	6	-0-
1990 John Deere Loader	47,500.00	-0-	15	-0-
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	21,997.00	15	3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	415.00	166.00	10	42.00
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Snow Plow	5,000.00	4,500.00	3	500.00
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	740.00	10	370.00
Air Impact Wrench	650.00	325.00	10	65.00
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
Chain Saw	338.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder	1,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$392,742.00	\$75,456.00		\$42,370.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2003 Dell Computer	\$2,051.00	\$821.00	5	\$410.00
2001 Cannon Copier	250.00	-0-	5	50.00
1999 Computers	4,210.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 Copier	1,395.00	1,116.00	5	279.00
1998 Computer	2,077.00	-0-	5	-0-
1999 HP Laser Printer	500.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	96.00
Totals	\$12,612.00	\$1,937.00		\$835.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2001 Container	\$1,863.00	(54%)	\$933.00	10	\$186.00
1999 Bobcat	8,357.00	(54%)	2,505.00	10	836.00
1999 Baler	4,928.00	(54%)	-0-	5	-0-
1999 Containers	2,430.00	(54%)	729.00	10	243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	20,000.00	(60%)	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$37,578.00		\$4,167.00		\$1,265.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2005 Ford Truck	\$29,000.00	\$24,857.00	7	\$4,143.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	96.00
2002 John Deere Tractor	24,213.00	21,186.00	8	3,027.00
1996 John Deere Mower	4,195.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	2,280.00	5	570.00
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
2004 Wright Mower	5,800.00	1,160.00	5	4,640.00
1992 Gravely Mower	2,588.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Gravely Sweeper	3,900.00	-0-	10	-0-
Totals	\$73,969.00	\$49,483.00		\$12,476.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2005

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$3,701.40	\$5,372.91
Reserve Account	96,724.56	120,146.09
Accounts Receivable	9,241.65	3,404.42
Stock on Hand	<u>6,723.00</u>	<u>2,241.00</u>
Total Assets	\$116,390.61	\$131,164.42

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$116,390.61</u>	<u>\$131,164.42</u>
Total Liability Surplus	\$116,390.61	\$131,164.42

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Mains	\$118,707.00	\$123,151.00
Wells	14,699.00	18,055.00
Hydrants	6,370.00	3,754.00
Pumps	4,700.00	5,231.00
Tools & Equipment	<u>7,095.00</u>	<u>1,167.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$151,571.00	\$151,358.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2005

REVENUES

Income	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Water Rents	\$78,720.83	\$69,604.17
Other Income	1,250.00	100.00
Insurance Claim	<u>7,758.84</u>	<u> </u>
	\$87,929.67	\$69,704.17

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$5,876.69	\$1,438.80
PSNH	8,821.80	5,143.23
Water Testing	6,280.98	1,409.00
Supplies	4,481.70	--
Contract Labor	16,817.59	15,912.59
Software	931.66	465.84
Computer Controls	8,958.84	--
Bank Charges	55.90	108.90
Chlorine	1,007.08	140.48
Postage	229.35	111.00
Dues	82.50	82.50
Supplies-Misc.	164.22	65.74
Oil, Gas	75.30	399.64
Tools, Parts	1,032.55	492.64
Repairs	7,676.43	828.10
Pumps	4,854.71	2,056.32
Grounds-Plowing	2,268.00	1,445.00
Internet Connection	1,566.88	--
Phone	29.78	344.64
General Maintenance	1,189.28	--
New Equipment – Truck	2,333.00	1,167.00
Well Development	--	9,573.05
Refunds	<u>601.87</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$75,336.11	\$41,400.47
Income Over Expenses	\$12,593.56	\$28,303.70
Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
Common Trust Fund Investments:			
Connecticut River Bank			
Common Trust Fund	66,784.93	(23,193.56)	-0-
Quick & Reilly (Cemetery)	30,000.00	36,312.55	-0-
Subtotal	96,784.93	13,118.99	-0-
Capital Reserve Funds:			
Bridge Construction	6,558.32	136.09	-0-
Reassessment	11,013.09	256.98	-0-
Legal	2,532.00	12,074.50	-0-
Police Cruiser	40,603.52	1,010.92	-0-
Handicap Access	2,220.17	63.92	-0-
Dow Field	1,492.67	30.07	-0-
Fire Truck Pumper	11,720.27	25,933.39	(214.62)
Fire Truck Equipment	-0-	10,039.63	-0-
Highway Truck	17,286.75	3,422.89	-0-
Highway Loader	46,876.55	1,038.19	-0-
Life Squad Van	74,403.26	1,357.86	(431.86)
Town Buildings Truck	21,427.39	3,710.54	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	5,207.78	108.80	-0-
	241,341.77	59,183.78	(646.48)
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:			
Sidewalk Improvement	14,707.05	240.23	-0-
Highway Improvement	35,742.69	20,115.91	-0-
Town Building Maintenance	19,294.98	5,081.76	-0-
Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,033.04	64.72	-0-
Safety Services Facilities Improv.	194,288.93	53,232.31	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	6,070.73	2,026.78	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	2,670.53	2,313.76	-0-
Health Insurance Deductions	5,063.38	19.53	-0-
Heritage Museum	301.79	2,004.49	-0-
Emergency Management	1,012.66	3.90	-0-
	283,667.53	85,556.92	-0-
Scholarship Fund	108,033.00	-0-	-0-
Remedial Education	118,126.32	456.79	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	37,403.09	85,286.38	-0-
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	-0-	10,208.63	-0-

*At December 31st, 2005, the Scholarship Fund was \$109,185.13 with \$4,000.00 payable to young scholars.

December 31, 2005

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME		Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
		Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year		
-0-	43,591.37	3,134.19	1,972.71	-0-	5,106.90
-0-	66,312.55	334.37	1,804.37	-0-	2,138.74
-0-	109,903.92	3,468.56	2,460.52	-0-	5,929.08
-0-	6,6694.41	-0-	136.09	(136.09)	-0-
-0-	11,270.07	-0-	256.98	(256.98)	-0-
(1,690.00)	12,916.50	-0-	1,010.92	(1,010.92)	-0-
(39,469.00)	2,145.44	-0-	74.50	(74.50)	-0-
(2,200.00)	84.09	-0-	63.92	(63.92)	-0-
-0-	1,522.74	-0-	30.07	(30.07)	-0-
-0-	37,439.04	-0-	933.39	(223.95)	-0-
-0-	10,039.63	-0-	39.63	(39.63)	-0-
-0-	20,709.64	-0-	422.89	(422.89)	-0-
-0-	47,914.74	-0-	1,038.19	(1,038.19)	-0-
-0-	75,329.26	-0-	1,257.86	(1,257.86)	-0-
(21,248.00)	3,389.93	-0-	210.54	(210.54)	-0-
-0-	5,316.58	-0-	108.80	(108.80)	-0-
(64,607.00)	235,272.07	-0-	5,583.78	(5,583.78)	-0-
-0-	14,947.28	-0-	140.23	(140.23)	-0-
(43,809.00)	12,049.60	-0-	115.91	(115.91)	-0-
(3,687.00)	20,689.74	-0-	81.76	(81.76)	-0-
-0-	5,033.04	-0-	18.25	(18.25)	-0-
-0-	247,521.24	-0-	3,232.31	(3,232.31)	-0-
-0-	8,097.51	-0-	26.78	(26.78)	-0-
-0-	4,984.29	-0-	13.76	(13.76)	-0-
-0-	5,082.91	-0-	19.53	(19.53)	-0-
-0-	2,306.28	-0-	4.49	(4.49)	-0-
-0-	1016.56	-0-	3.90	(3.90)	-0-
(47,496.00)	283,776.08	-0-	2,831.90	(2,831.90)	-0-
-0-	112,898.23	1,936.64	4,865.23	5,768.36	1,033.51
-0-	118,583.11	-0-	456.79	(456.79)	-0-
-0-	122,689.47	-0-	286.39	(286.39)	-0-
-0-	10,208.63		283.71	(283.71)	-0-

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2005

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$28,757.28
Income due from trust funds	780.37
Prepaid assets (heating oil contract)	<u>577.86</u>
Total Assets	30,115.51

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	590.80
Accrued Payroll	<u>3,709.13</u>
Total Liabilities	4,299.93
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>25,815.58</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$30,115.51

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2005

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia	\$62,906.00
From Trust Funds	11284.08
From Other Trust Fund Donations	3,418.85
From Public Donations	873.95
From Copies, Fines, Lost Books, etc.	613.96
From Non-Resident Card Fees	563.00
From Bank Interest	<u>30.90</u>

Total Revenues	\$79,690.74
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EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$23,281.20
Other Wages	21,817.66
Payroll Taxes	3,546.74
Books	5,996.11
Insurance – Health	4,715.00
– Business	1,104.00
Utilities	5,090.09
Office & Library Expenses	872.59
Computer Expenses	758.98
Bookkeeping	1,200.00
Equipment	327.90
Repairs & Maintenance Supplies	2,008.99
Programs	313.75
Pension Funding	439.00
Dues	325.00
Training	185.00
Postage	171.25
Advertising	35.00
Mileage	108.48
Miscellaneous	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$72,321.74

Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	(7,369.00)
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>18,446.58</u>
Ending Fund Equity	\$25,815.58

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
	Balance Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested from Sales	Gains or (Losses)	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$ 57,174.55	\$2,162.72	\$.00	\$4,100.00	\$ 55,237.27	\$.00	\$.00	\$ -0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,794.11	.00	.00	.00	30,794.11	1,304.84	(1,304.84)	-0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	70,827.74	.00	.00	.00	70,827.74	2,415.93	(2,415.93)	-0-
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,321.47	.00	.00	.00	49,321.47	2,281.68	(2,281.68)	-0-
Phillips Fund	5,038.18	72.34	.00	.00	5,110.52	.00	.00	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	.00	.00	.00	2,500.00	9.07	.00	99.38
J.C. Blair Fund	9,771.30	759.26	.00	.00	10,530.56	.00	.00	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	13,738.05	.00	.00	.00	13,738.05	1,070.27	(1,070.27)	-0-
Karl Schaffer Fund	9,183.19	121.68	.00	.00	9,304.87	202.04	(202.04)	-0-
Holt	5,780.00	.00	.00	.00	5,780.00	13.45	.00	1,334.22
TOTALS	\$254,128.59	\$3,116.00	\$.00	\$4,100.00	\$253,154.59	\$7,297.28	\$ (7,274.76)	\$1,433.60

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned

Adult Fiction	4,308
Adult Non-Fiction	2,013
Juvenile Fiction	736
Juvenile Non-Fiction	207
Easy Reading	1226
Youth Fiction	105
Youth Non-Fiction	23
Periodicals	647
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	689
Books on CD	151
CD's	140
Vertical File	36
Puzzles	45
Films	17
Videos	860
DVD's	60
Total	<u>11,263</u>

Accessions: Library Materials

Totals 12/31/04*	22,814
Purchased 2005	
Books	249
Cassettes	1
Videos	0
DVD's	7
Books on CD	2
Gifts 2005:	
Books	211
Cassettes	3
Videos	23
CD's	2
Books on CD	5
Puzzles	1
Total Accessions:	505
Withdrawn	<u>(392)</u>
Total on 12/31/04	<u>22,927</u>

Borrowed from NH State Library	78
Borrowed from Other NH Libraries	472
Borrowed from Lafayette Regional School..	52
Loaned to Other NH Libraries.....	396
New Borrower Cards.....	106
.....	
Total Active Borrowers	727

Books Received from Children's

Literacy Foundation Grant.....	94
Books on CD Leased.....	14
Paperbacks Purchased	70
Paperbacks Gift	59
Periodicals Purchased.....	34
Periodicals Gift.....	10
Newspapers.....	5
Adult Programs.....	5
Children's Programs.....	14

* Adjusted to include paperbacks not counted in 2003-04

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your fire department logged 94 calls for the year 2005. This compares to 119 calls for 2004 and 105 calls for 2003. Emergency response consumed 1,075 man-hours, compared to more than 1,300 man-hours in 2004 and approximately 1,200 in 2003.

The department roster averaged 21 members in 2005 and now stands at 23. We welcome new members, young, old and in-between.

We thank the Police Department and Life Squad for their cooperation in 2005. We have all worked together to successfully deploy the “Jaws of Life” Hurst Tool, which was purchased in 2004. We also owe recognition to the support Franconia received from neighboring departments through the Twin State Mutual Aid system.

Here is a log of our calls according to major categories:

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Motor Vehicle calls	54	51
Alarm Activations	18	12
Mutual Aid calls	14	12

Miscellaneous calls involved trees on wires, smoke investigations, brush fires, etc. Nine of the motor vehicle calls involved moose collisions. Last year there were seven moose collisions.

Prevention is the most important job of any fire department. It’s not easy, but it pays off. In 2005, with our property inspection program, we continued to help property owners understand fire codes and bring their properties up to code. We thank Franconia citizens for checking their smoke alarms and cleaning their chimneys.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Odell, Chief

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

2005 was a year of transition for the Franconia Life Squad from a non-transporting first response unit to a full transporting ambulance service and from our members being volunteers to being paid on call similar to the fire department. Commencing on April 1st the Life Squad began transporting its patients to Littleton Regional Hospital.

Our members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton. They are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves. Our members are all Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are constantly training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a refresher course and an extensive practical exam. All members exceed the minimum required training and most far exceed the minimum.

Currently, three of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and three are in the process of being certified at the advanced life support level which allows them to administer medications and start intravenous lines. Many have other specialized certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care.

The Franconia Life Squad works very closely with the area Police Departments and the Fire Departments. Working as a seamless team allows for a quick and professional mitigation of an emergency situation. The Franconia Life Squad currently has more active members than it has in its 34-year history. Current active members of the Franconia Life Squad include:

	Chief Dean Wright	
Asst. Chief Bill Mead		Captain Flo Place
Robert Anthony	Bill Blackwell	Tim Bray
Lani Brown	Brian Canelas	Allan Clark
Amy Cyrs	Chris Fowler	Jeff Gould
John Ireland	Gareth Slattery	Mark Taylor
	Dan Walker	

The Franconia Life Squad is highly respected by other EMS organizations and is held in high regard with Littleton Regional Hospital. It is well equipped and has highly professional well-trained members.

	<u>Franconia</u>	<u>Sugar Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>2005 Total</u>	<u>2004 Total</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	51	5	2	58	57
Medical Emergencies	47	18	7	72	73
Trauma Emergencies	24	7	4	35	8
Lifeline Activations	1	2	0	3	3
Rescues	3	0	0	3	4
Fire Dept. Assists	1	0	0	1	6
Total Patients	127	32	13	172	151
Transported by Ross	16	19	5	40	N/A
Transported by FLS	48	1	6	55	N/A

During 2005 the Franconia Life Squad was involved in the following incidents:

The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area twenty-four hours a day seven days a week with quality emergency medical care. I sincerely thank the townspeople for their support and especially thank the members of the life squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Wright
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

2005 has been a quiet year fire wise. With the cooperation of the residents of Franconia, we can expect the same throughout the coming years.

In Franconia, open burning requires a permit year round. For homeowner protection no permit is issued without an onsite inspection.

Permits may be obtained from:

George Whitcomb	Warden
Richard McLachlin	Deputy Warden
Roger Odell	Deputy Warden
Harvey Flanders	Deputy Warden

Thank you for your cooperation,
George Whitcomb
Forest Fire Warden

Additional Report of Forest Fire & State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

The rainfall this year, as in 2004, has enabled Mittersill to survive another year without water restrictions. However, we are in the process of running tests on our refracted well to find out how productive this well is as part of our short term plan to increase our water supply, independent of weather conditions. Funding to complete this well testing has been transferred to the reserve until the work has been completed.

Continual leaks in the village have plagued Franconia this year, as in the last several years. Serious thought must be given to focusing on improving the infrastructure of the system as a first priority. A serious leak downtown in a peak period could deplete one water tank and seriously disrupt life in the community. We cannot allow this to happen. A representative of the Dept. of Environmental Services, which monitors our water system, recently came to inspect the system. His report will greatly influence future decisions we make.

A 6.5% increase this year will just about cover the increases in the Water Dept. expenses. Costs outside our control make it difficult to deliver safe water and maintain our distribution system at a reasonable rate.

We appreciate your continued support!

Water Commissioners,
Richard McLachlin
William Downey
Marcia Graham

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

This years report will cite statistics as received by our dispatch, the Grafton County Sheriff's Office. They now have the capability to track all police activity. You will see a rise in numbers from last year due to this tracking capability. Keep in mind that these numbers do not reflect just Crimes, but ALL activity of the department on a day-to-day basis. A complete, more detailed report can be seen at the Police Department.

I would like to thank the officers of the department for their hard work and dedication this past year. Their willingness to put in the extra hours shows their commitment to the community.

We had two resignations this year, Part-time Officer Brinson Ireland and Part-time Officer Scott McKinley. We have managed to fill one of these positions with Part-time Officer Chris Fowler as our newest addition. He is currently part of the Field Training program and will soon be on his own.

Summary of Activity

Total Calls for Service.....	1747	Building Check/Open Door-Window	15
Abandoned Vehicles.....	15	Disturbance/Fight/Brawl.....	7
DWI.....	5	Dog Complaint/Animal.....	55
Accidents	100	Illegal Dumping	2
Suspicious Person.....	15	Fish & Game	21
Suspicious Vehicle	4	General Info	2
Metal Person.....	1	Juvenile Offenses	6
Intoxicated Person	1	Missing Person.....	12
Civil Standby.....	2	Motor Vehicle Complaint	53
Directions1	2	Motor Vehicle Stop.....	290
Suicide/Suicidal Person	1	Noise Complaint	14
Auto Theft	4	All PD Admin Calls.....	332
Burglary	13	Telephone Harassment.....	6
Unattended Deaths	1	Found/Lost Property	11
Assault	6	Paperwork Service	17
Drug Issues	2	All Spots Inquiries	122
Theft/Fraud/Gas Drive Off	27	Threat	1
Domestic Disturbance	10	Traffic Control	11
Bomb Scare	1	Prisoner Transport.....	2
911 Hang-Up	42	Trespass.....	2
Alarm, Burglar/Hold-	52	Other/Unknown	250
Assist Citizen.....	25	Vandalism/Criminal Mischief.....	6
Assist Other Agency.....	4	VIN Verification	9
Be on the Lookout	3	Wanted Person	9
Car Break.....	2	Welfare Check	11
Child Abuse.....	1		
		Total	1747
		Initiated by Officer.....	433
		Dispatched.....	1314

I would like to thank the residents for their support during 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Mark Montminy
Franconia Police Department

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department had many unexpected challenges this year, from major road washouts to the price of fuel increasing and finally personnel changes. Through it all, we still had a successful year. In keeping with our goals, the long over due ditching of the roads has begun, paving has continued, the replacement of culverts, rip rapping of ditch lines, tree and brush removal and the reconstruction of some roads (Iron Foundry & Ridge Road) are all ongoing.

Our goals for this year will be the same: to work on everything mentioned above and to surpass the amount of work we did last year.

Your support is without question greatly appreciated by the Highway Department. Again, thank you and if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact us.

A special thanks goes out to Sally Small for all of her efforts and success with FEMA!

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Knowlton, Road Agent
Franconia Highway Department

PLANNING BOARD

New Developments in 2005

Subdivisions – The following subdivisions were approved:

- Ugo Enterprises, Inc, 2-Lot Major Subdivision, Butterhill Road
- Joel McKenzie, 13-Lot Major Subdivision, Easton Road

Lot-Line Adjustments – The following lot-line adjustments were approved:

- Kenneth McCord, Iron Foundry Road
- Gary and Beth Harwood and the Lafayette Regional School District, Main Street
- Thad and Joselle Presby, Plantation Road

Site Plan Review – the following site plan review matters were approved:

- Pinkham Construction, Inc., Easton Road
- Sam Stephenson, Easton Road

In addition to the regular business the Planning board worked on the Master Plan update. The Board plans to have the two main sections of the Master Plan, the vision statement and land use completed by Town Meeting. The Board will then continue to work on the other sections of the plan. North Country Council (NCC) has been instrumental in the process and members of the Board look forward to working with NCC again in the upcoming year. The Board is also considering doing a natural resource inventory to help round out the Master Plan. The goal is to work with the Conservation Commission and Watershed to Wildlife to complete this project. Lastly, the Board anticipates receiving a report from the Infrastructure Committee sometime in the fall of 2006.

The Board completed a revision of the road standards and will be presenting them at a public meeting scheduled for February 2006.

The Planning Board would also like to thank the Capital Improvement Project Committee for their hard work throughout the year. The Board has found this process to be a valuable planning tool.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Plant, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative finding, and grants variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant an exception for use in keeping with certain provisions of the Ordinance.

In 2005, the ZBA denied a petition for Malcolm and Alicia Brawn for an appeal from the Board of Selectmen to allow a retaining wall on their property on Fiddlehead Drive (M8/L27) according to Article 11, Section 1102 of the Ordinance.

In November the ZBA Members attended a training session by the NH Office of Energy Planning for ZBA & Planning Board Members held at Loon Mountain.

Respectfully Submitted
George Roorbach, Chairman

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2005 proved to be a highly successful year for our Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Despite the growth of our towns, garbage tonnage actually decreased by nearly 17 tons to 535.5 tons. Recycling tonnage rose by over 28 tons, giving us a recycling rate of 43%. This increase in recycling tonnage combined with strong markets though most of the year pushed our recycling income over the \$30,000 mark.

We recycled:	216 tons of paper products
	18 tons of plastic
	12 tons of tin cans
	4 tons of aluminum cans
	56 tons of scrap metal
	<u>101 tons of glass</u>

Total 407 Tons

During 2005 we made several improvements to our recycling receiving area designed to protect our attendants from the harshest winter weather. We also hope to replace our skid steer loader in 2006. Thanks to our recycling income we have been able to finance these projects without additional funds from taxpayers.

As a member of the Pemi Baker solid waste district we are participating in one of the only paint recycling programs in the northeast. We will accept paint for recycling at the transfer station during the warm months (May to October). Most but not all types of paint are acceptable for recycling so please ask us for further details. There will be another Household Hazardous Waste collection in Littleton this June but the exact date is yet to be determined.

Greg, Chris and I thank you, our customers, for your cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Program has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteer coaches, officials, parent helpers and youth players for making our recreation program such a success for everyone in Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton.

Our 2004 - 2005 basketball season went extremely well, 3rd & 4th grade boys team and the 5th & 6th grade boys team dominated area basketball teams. Later in the season both teams combined with Bethlehem to create an all-star powerhouse team in each age grouping that went on to several tournaments. 3rd & 4th grade girls combined with Bethlehem girls early in the season to create a team, which played many local girls teams of the same age group. 5th & 6th grade teams played several games. The girl's team combined with Bethlehem from the beginning and enjoyed getting to know other girls they would soon see at Profile. Many thanks to the coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Roxi Wessels, Scott Knowlton and our Bethlehem coaches!

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful for another season. Our t-ball team, a minor league baseball, a major league baseball and major league softball completed our roster. Many of our coaches continued to coach and many players had the opportunity to continue to play this summer as part of our All Star teams. Many thanks to our coaches Scott Johnson, Mike Kelley, Tom Eyman, Heidi Wright, Kirk Luce, Jeff Malcolm, Gareth Slattery and Tina Weed. Also thanks to our umpires who made this a successful season for everyone involved.

Summer Recreation went for a full 8 super sunny weeks this summer at the Lafayette Regional School with many returning staff and even more returning campers. Summer Rec. involved lots of biking and traveling throughout Franconia and even out to Sugar Hill and Easton for swimming under the watchful eyes of recreation lifeguards/counselors Anne Cowles and Jenna Serino. Thank you to Franconia Police Officer Taylor before school started! Field trips to Santa's Village, Storyland, Whale's Tale, local state parks to swim and Canobie Lake Park made for some exciting Friday field trips. Swim lessons continued under the capable direction of Jean Serino at the Gale River Motel for the summer campers, Franconia Children Center's pre-school campers through our third grade Rec campers. Water Safety instructions were on the Tuesdays for 4th & 5th graders while we were at Echo Lake for the day.

Soccer season brought almost the whole school population out to the field for practices and games. The younger teams were able to use smaller fields and goals at the school where the older teams were out on the Dow Field almost daily. A big thank you to the referees, parent volunteers and coaches Mark Simpson, Steve Berlack, Derek Annesar, Brian Canelas, Scott Knowlton, Linda Johnson, Kevin Senft, Phil Branch, Jeff Malcolm and Gareth Slattery who made sure everyone had a good time this fall.

Funds made available through the State of New Hampshire's Land and Water Conservation Fund program made it possible for us to level the far end of the Dow Strip for additional playing fields and replace the playground equipment and improve landscaping on the Dow Strip. Many thanks to numerous volunteers that assisted not

only financially, but with their services or equipment in helping get our new playground up and ready for the summer season.

This winter we will have all the lights back on at the ice rink and hope to see many of you out there with your skates on and ready for a good time. We are looking to bring back "Family Night" at the ice rink in hopes of getting more families out on the ice together. We hope you'll join us for music, hot chocolate, hot dogs, skating and lots of fun!

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. We welcome the public to attend and look forward to another exciting year!

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and
The Tri-Town Recreation Committee
Easton: Brian Canelas & Mike Kinney
Franconia: Kim Cowles, Jeff Malcolm &
William "Red" McCarthy
Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Jean Serino

FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2005

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2005) **\$20,253.94**

INCOME

Membership Dues 13,520.00
Brochure Mailings 80.00

Town Funds

Franconia \$10,000.00
Sugar Hill 6,500.00
Easton 65.00

16,865.00

Interest Earned 51.19

Fundraisers:

Antique Show 1,200.00
Others 336.50
Lupine Festival 8,584.45

10,120.95

Miscellaneous 0.00

Total \$40,637.14

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:

Payroll \$11,819.88

Telephone 1,958.75

Electricity 124.67

Office, Booth Repairs, Misc. 1,706.35

Postage 1,128.93

Advertising 10,387.00

IRS (Payroll Taxes) 825.81

Bank Fees .15

Insurance 1,676.00

Internet 4,602.62

Non-Booth Expenses:

Salary n/a

Administrative & Office 333.68

Dues & Subscriptions 50.00

Lupine Festival 6,050.30

Misc. 94.92

Donations 500.00

Services 195.00

Total \$41,454.07

Ending Balance (December 31, 2005) **\$19,436.92**

Notes to 2005

- a) Brochure mailing income decreased (487). Most Members not requesting additions of their brochures to info packets. Probably due to Internet access.
- b) Other fundraising – Old Home Days
- c) Ads.
 - 1) Ordered 10,000 more brochures at cost of \$4,446 in Fall as we're running out. Partially because now efficient distribution to State Welcome Centers. 2006 order to reflect higher # but with bulk purchase break
 - 2) Amount shown is decreased by \$600 of member payments for Snow East Ad. Bill not yet received. Actual ad cost other than Snow East \$10,987.
 - 3) Ad rates through Moria returned to market rates.
- d) Internet 2005 includes
 - 1) \$3,195 development cost of new web site by Kern Built
 - 2) \$1,039 of updating and modification costs. Much of 2004 and part of 2005 updates and modifying to old web site was done as volunteer work by a member. We are back to paying the developer to maintain the site.
 - 3) Actual ISP cost for year was cut by 1/2 as a 6 mo credit for Earthlink came with the purchase of the new computer
- e) Office includes the new computer @ \$1,152.94
- f) Salary- this was the Executive Director salary. Leaving as line item
- g) Non-booth expense- Telephone dropped as line item. No paying for Director 2nd line at home.
- h) Admin + Office
 - 1) workman's comp
 - 2) Annual mailing fee
 - 3) Renewal of trade name (5 yr)
 - 4) Non-profit report
- i) Donations- Playground equipment, Dow Field

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dear Selectmen, Residents and Friends,

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce would like to say thank you to the three towns, Franconia, Sugar Hill & Easton, for your continued and combined support. In the year(s) to come, The Franconia Notch Chamber wishes to strengthen the center of business support for the bettered interest of those residing in, working in and visiting our townships.

With last year being a year of re-growth and organization for the chamber we are poised to move forward this year. We shall develop and expand upon the good and positive efforts of this past year to include:

The refreshed and renewed Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce's website, www.franconianotch.org. As one of the oldest operating sites, and with its refreshed appearances and positioning, it remains high on all major search engine lists and is a main frame of our information and communication resources. Jason Kern of KernBuilt.com, with the assistance of the Web Committee over saw and under took this task.

We printed and distributed a larger amount of a larger brochure than ever before produced. The 16-page full color piece is being distributed throughout all of the major rest areas around the state to highlight all that our towns have to offer. It is also distributed locally and serves as our membership directory for those closer to home. We have committed to the larger size & print run of 25,000 for the 2006 membership year, again with Moriah Design's assistance. We will save a tremendous amount by committing to the large amount early, where last year we missed this benefit. The 2005 distribution was much large than had been forecast.

We again operated 2 information booths, our main booth in the center of Franconia and a second one located in the Cannon Tram Base Station. Many visitors were personally assisted with their questions and directions, and many more phone calls and e-mails were answered too. Budgets currently enable and provide for full-time coverage of the booth in summer with part-time assistance come the onset of colder weather. Priscilla Hunt again stood steadfast to assist those who came asking, as she has for many, many seasons.

We look forward to another year of positive movement as last year certainly was. Our having to reprint brochures due to a heavier than expected distribution was the only budgetary "ripple" that was felt, with many new additions otherwise. Our Annual events: The Lupine Fest, Rugby Weekend and Sugar Hill Antique Show remain strong, and form the barometer by which season's might be judged.

Your support is greatly appreciated by all our member businesses spread throughout the Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton & areas beyond. Our continuing collaborative efforts enable us to produce and succeed better than we might do alone. These are the strengths and benefits of such collaboration and partnering. Again, we wish to say thank you.

Sincerely,
Cort Roussel, President,
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following projects were completed by the Franconia Conservation Commission during 2005:

- New trail – Boundary Trail – at Fox Hill completed
- New map for Fox Hill will be available in 2006
- Provided trees for Lafayette School Earth Month program
- Participated in Earth Day Program at the Lafayette School
- Accepted 42 acre Conservation Easement from J. McKenzie for walking and cross country skiing
- Cleaned up blow-downs and dead trees on Plantation Road Conservation easement property

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Welch, Chairman

Richard Bennink
Kim Cowles
John Lachapelle

Mary Grote
John Lefavour
Kathryn McCarthy

J. Bradley Smith
Elizabeth Welch

THE FROST PLACE

For more than a quarter of a century, Donald Sheehan has been the director of the Robert Frost Place in Franconia. Under his stewardship, the Frost Place has become a beacon in American letters, annually attracting over 5000 visitors to the house and museum on ridge Road. The summer programs draw students to the Place, where they can meet and study with some of the most well known poets in the United States.

In more recent years, the Frost Place has expanded its outreach, offering a Young People's Writers Conference along with a highly successful poet in the schools program in the north country.

Ably assisted by Franconia native Keisha Luce, Don Sheehan has created a literary center that, with regard to the quality of its offerings and the kindly spirit of its staff and faculty, is simply unparalleled in America. All who have worked with Don as members of the board of trustees, volunteers, staff or visiting faculty feel the keenest debt to his vision and personality, and a particular sadness at his well deserved retreat into private life and study.

Happily, the Frost Place has offered the new executive director's position to Jim Schley, himself a poet and publisher, as well as a man with over two decades of experience as a managing and administrative editor. I first came to know Jim when he was managing editor at New England Review, a nationally recognized journal of poetry, fiction and criticism. So fine was his work and so appealing his character that in due course he became my co-editor at NER. I fully believe that his vision and his human qualities will perpetuate the legacy of Donald Sheehan, even as the new director will explore even further development of the Frost Place's programs and offerings. I salute Jim Schley and welcome him to the directorship!

Respectfully submitted,

Sydney Lea, Chair
The Robert Frost Place

FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM AND IRON FURNACE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The year 2005 has been one in which The Franconia Area Heritage Council sponsored the following community oriented events.

Native American exhibit loaned to us by Terri Drew and her family
Spring plant sale
Old Man of the Mountain retrospective presented by Dick Hamilton
Summer garden party
Iron Furnace retrospective with lectures and demonstrations
Lecture by Jere Daniell on the history of Franconia
Participation in Old Home Day parade
White Mountain art show
Skating party as part of "Frostbite Follies"
Lecture and appraisals by Frank Wood, an antiquarian book dealer.

We plan to sponsor similar programs and events in 2006.

The Museum hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 on Thursday and Saturday year round and on holidays. As of the end of last year we received 589 visitors in addition to three school class tours and two bus tours. At the interpretive center 812 visitors signed our log.

Because of Jewell Freidman's declared intention to step down from her position as curator we are in the process of re-assigning her many duties to other board members. We need to determine if some areas of responsibility should go to a paid employee. Areas of real concern are fundraising, writing grant applications, and recruitment of new volunteers. It is our intention to have completed this transition prior to the expiration of our current contract with the Town.

The buildings are generally in good condition. However, the museum buildings are in need of exterior paint. The painting of the Building at the Interpretive Center will be handled by volunteers.

Volunteers removed brush around the base of the stone stack and vegetation was removed/treated at the top of the stack. This was done with the permission of the owner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Whitcomb, President
Franconia Area Heritage Council

Board of Directors, 2005, 2006

Phil Krill, Vice President, Muriel Manghue, Treasurer, Ernie Hansberger, Recording Secretary, Amy Bahr, Corresponding Secretary, Jewell Friedman, Curator, Beverly Taksar, Tim Brown, Hasu Dave, Bruce Dinner, Peter Lipson, George Roorbach

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name
January 20, 2005 Lancaster, NH	Declan Ganapati Peters	Zane Peters Meglyn Bull
May 5, 2005 Littleton, NH	Ella Josette Mangold	Davis Mangold Tina Mangold
September 20, 2005 Littleton, NH	Andrew Julius Wood	Jody Wood Bethany Wood
October 5, 2005 Littleton, NH	Sophie Audrey Marais Saxe	Miranda Wilcke

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
May 14, 2005 Franconia, NH	Gregory E. Brown Linda F. Audet	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 27, 2005 Franconia, NH	David F. McPhaul Meghan E. McCarthy	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 6, 2005 Franconia, NH	Archie Herbert Heather A. Macaulay	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED

IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA

For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
February 19, 2005 Franconia, NH	Thelma Sonnichsen	Judson Lowenberg	Blanche Davis
March 18, 2005 Franconia, NH	John Tilton	George Tilton	Theodora Tiffany
March 23, 2005 Franconia, NH	Marian Finn	Ernest Miles	Ola Swasey
March 31, 2005 Franconia, NH	Doris Berry	Frederick Fisher	E. Hood

April 14, 2005 Franconia, NH	Patricia Stillings	Oliver Stillings	Amy Glode
April 15, 2005 Franconia, NH	Josephine Van Dine	Peter Zygmunt	Mary Drozdal
May 8, 2005 Franconia, NH	Ella Mangold	Davis Mangold	Tina Cipriano
June 15, 2005 Franconia, NH	Bernadette Chapdelaine LaFlamme	(unknown)	Delima Larochelle
June 23, 2005 Franconia, NH	Hazel O'Keefe	Frank Jesseman	Celia Clark
June 24, 2005 Franconia, NH	Thomas Fitzpatrick	Francis Fitzpatrick	Martha Farrow
June 26, 2005 Franconia, NH	Jennie Janus	John Narozny	Catherine Banach
July 12, 2005 Franconia, NH	Mary Foss	Thomas Brown	Marjorie Wheeler
July 13, 2005 Franconia, NH	Florence Leech	Edwin Davey	Ora Deery
August 23, 2005 Franconia, NH	Dorothy Boerke	Edward Diamond	Ida Coop
September 8, 2005 Franconia, NH	Kathleen Leach	Frederick McNamara	Beatrice Riley
September 8, 2005 Franconia, NH	Mary Ciccone	Emmet Ciccone	Catherine Menne
September 27, 2005 Franconia, NH	Lurlene Drew	Bertrum Herbert	Goldie Hall
October 5, 2005 Franconia, NH	Edith Emery	George Hadley	Mary Sturgess
October 13, 2005 Franconia, NH	Dorothy Presby	William Wetherbee	Florence McGonigle
October 24, 2005 Franconia, NH	John Opalinski	John Opalinski	Josephine Zondlo
October 30, 2005 Franconia, NH	Sadie Corey	Joseph Romanos	Eva Ziter
November 2, 2005 Franconia, NH	Roy Curtis	George Curtis	Mary Harriman
December 19, 2005 Franconia, NH	Jane Fitzpatrick	Stewart Lettice	Beatrice Scullen
December 28, 2005 Franconia, NH	Florence Sanborn	Plummer Bacon	Bertha Tracye

NOTES

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

DAILY	12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday).....	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

TUESDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

TUESDAY (2nd each month)	7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (office hours).....	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

MONDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY.....	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

MONDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY.....	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (November - April)	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (May - October).....	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - EMERGENCY PHONE

911

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - NON-EMERGENCY PHONE

823-8123

